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2021 COVID-19 TASK FORCE OPERATIONS REPORT





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Message from the Governor

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the highest priority of our government has been the safety of our people. Every precaution has been taken to keep the pandemic from reaching our shores; that it would not claim a single life from our Territory as it has done across the globe. Upon taking the helm in January 2021, our goal expanded from restricting our borders to safely repatriating thousands of residents who have been separated from their families for too long. With vaccines readily accessible and effective testing available, it was time to bring our people home. I commend the courageous leadership of former Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga for closing our borders at a time when there was great uncertainty. We continued with safety initiatives enacted by the previous administration - tasking key members of our public and private sectors to assess our capability to respond to a potential disaster and recommend plans to safely repatriate our citizens. The successful repatriation of our citizens as well as our emergency response is attributed to the effective leadership of the COVID-19 Task Force.

While the return to commercial flights has seen imported positive cases, we have managed to successfully contain them without community spread. The risk of the COVID-19 virus remains constant as new variants emerge and much of the globe remains unvaccinated. However, we must be vigilant in both maintaining stringent and safe travel protocols and pushing forward with our mass vaccination efforts. I am proud of the work that the COVID-19 Task Force and our leaders have done to protect our people - we remain one of the few places in the world who has successfully kept this deadly infection out of our Territory.

I recognize the hard work undertaken by our government and our frontline workers. I wish to thank the Honorable leaders and members of the Fono for their invaluable contributions. Much appreciation is due to our federal partners at the Department of Interior, FEMA, CMS, Department of Education, and the U.S. Congress for providing the financial capital to carry out this important work. I commend the Cabinet and all their hardworking staff who have sacrificed much of their energy to carry out our COVID-19 operations. I want to express my thanks to the COVID-19 Task Force Chairman and Governors Authorized Representative (GAR) Lieutenant Governor Talauega E. V. Ale for his commitment and leadership – we are one step closer to normalcy because of your tireless efforts to ensure the safety and survival of our people.

May God continue to look over our beloved homeland and may God bless American Samoa.



LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

Honorable Governor Lemanu:

I hereby submit to you the official report of the COVID-19 Task Force, titled “American Samoa’s Response to the COVID Pandemic: COVID-19 Task Force Operations Report 2021.”

As the Chairman of the COVID-19 Task Force, it is my honor to have the active support of the Task Force to lead our territory’s efforts to manage the impact of the COVID pandemic. Together, with other government and private sector leaders, and the dedication of our government employees, we successfully developed policies, goals and objectives to manage the risk of the COVID pandemic. The work has been challenging but we have been bound by a common goal of safeguarding our Territory.

Our government in the last two years took difficult but necessary measures to protect our borders and Territory from the COVID pandemic. First, by implementing a zero-tolerance policy with the suspensions of flights for nearly a year. Then, the repatriation phase with pre-travel quarantine in the State of Hawaii. And presently with limited commercial flights and rigorous pre-travel COVID testing to enter American Samoa’s borders. We put our best efforts forward and while some of our policies have been challenging, our intent has always been in the best interests of our Territory.

We conducted a total of 26 repatriation and medical charters from Hawaii/Continental US, brought home nearly 3,000 stranded residents from the US and the Pacific, approved 700 guest workers from the Independent State of Samoa, and administered close to 80,000 doses of the vaccine, for an estimated total of \$40 million to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The American Samoa Department of Health reported over 5,500 individuals through the seaport and airport that have checked into local quarantine sites in 2021. A total of 17 positive cases have been detected of which 11 imported positives have been effectively isolated before their safe discharge into our community.

We have been keenly aware of the growing resources and manpower required to sustain pre-travel quarantine in Hawaii. Thus, our government arrived at an information technology solution, TALOFAPASS, at the cost of \$6.3 million to more efficiently manage COVID testing and our Vaccination mandate for all future travel. The daunting task of preventing the virus from entering the territory required several layers of initiatives, multi-agency strategies and cross sector partnerships.

This report provides a comprehensive narrative on all the activities undertaken by the government to manage the impact of COVID over our daily lives. It provides a chronological look into the COVID-19 travel operations and associated expenses for January - December 2021 beginning with a budget overview of major costs and expenses. Secondly, the report follows the two phases of air travel operations beginning with repatriation charters in the first half of the year and into the current

phase of limited commercial travel. A summary is then provided of the Territory's ongoing mass vaccination efforts to reach the Governor's goal of a 90% fully vaccinated population and concludes with a year-end update on the Territory's vaccination coverage status, benefits of COVID-19 funds to our local economy, and the road ahead in combating this pandemic.

We will continue to convene weekly meetings to coordinate and facilitate mass vaccinations and safe travels into the territory to the very best of our abilities.

Thank you and God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Talauega E. V. Ale'.

Talauega E. V. Ale
Governor's Authorized Representative
Lieutenant Governor

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BACKGROUND

On the heels of the 2019 measles outbreak, reports of the first COVID-19 case in the US Mainland in January 2020, prompted former Governor Lolo Moliga to issue an emergency declaration in response to the novel Coronavirus. By March 2020, the declaration included the suspension of all commercial flights from Hawaii and the US mainland to American Samoa as a mechanism to prevent the entry of the novel Coronavirus into the Territory's borders. Prior to the development of an approved vaccine and with limited healthcare infrastructure, flight restrictions continued for nearly a year and resulted in unintended consequences that left upwards of 3,000 residents stranded across the Pacific islands, the state of Hawaii and the continental United States.

The border closure, as the government's first response to the COVID pandemic, had two major adverse impacts on our people. First, families were indefinitely separated—AS residents were stranded off-island and US and other foreign residents were stranded on island. Second, access to medical care in the US was immediately denied to those needing off-island care not available on island and those who sought medical care off-island could not return home. By June, the medical needs of residents without access to off-island medical care not available on island, could no longer be ignored. The government through its Medicaid State Agency received approval from the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to charter an Airbus 330-276 passenger plane, to begin the government's first medical charter in July 2020. This allowed the government to gain experience in chartering planes which set the stage for repatriation flights in 2021.

On January 3, 2021 Governor Lemanu Mauga announced plans in his inaugural address to revise the Territory's COVID-19 travel restrictions and begin the repatriation of stranded residents amid growing calls from families directly impacted by the border closure and the US stranded residents who organized themselves under the Tagata Tutu Faatasi Alliance of American Samoa (TTFAAS).

Governor Lemanu Mauga appointed Lieutenant Governor Talauega Ale to oversee the Territory's COVID-19 operations as Chairman of the COVID-19 Task Force. The revamped COVID-19 Task Force was reconstituted with appointments of over 60 Federal, Territorial, and traditional government and business leaders. Immediately, the task force began the rapid planning of a complex operation consisting of two quarantine operations and support staff in the State of Hawaii and American Samoa. Leading up to the first repatriation charter, numerous planning meetings, multi-departmental operational exercises, and after-action reviews were conducted to develop, rehearse, and make continual improvements to policies and protocol. Despite concerns over the risks involved in lifting flight suspensions, Governor Lemanu remained adamant about repatriating American Samoa's residents and the continuity of critical government services.

American Samoa was not immune to the economic hardships impact of the COVID virus on the global market. Air travel and shipping routes to and from the US were disrupted and led to inflationary increases to gas and food prices, electricity rates, and supply shortages and delays.

Restricted repatriation and commercial flights due to limited quarantine capacity and healthcare infrastructure created high and unmet demands for medical, business and personal travels.

This pre-travel quarantine phase lasted 6 months and cost over \$15 Million. Considered to be the most stringent and comprehensive safe travels initiative in the world, it kept the territory safe, placed much stress on families, highlighted the fragmentation of our government agencies and was a great expense to the government. The American Samoa Government (ASG) knew that it could not financially sustain this strategy as a long-term solution thus the last repatriation flight was scheduled for July 29, 2021. The questions became, “What do we do come August when we turn the flights back to Hawaiian Airlines? How does ASG screen for COVID vaccinations and monitor for approval the COVID testing of passengers? How do multi-government agencies work together successfully with outside partners and travelers on clearing travelers to enter American Samoa in the landscape of COVID? How do we minimize the fragmentation of government tasks across multi-agency authorities? How do we ensure that the next phase of travel will be fair, transparent and equitable for all?”

The government’s solution was a single portal online registration and screening system that all agencies could access simultaneously to screen eligible passengers. The lessons and challenges learned during the repatriation gave way to the TALOFAPASS system. The TALOFAPASS allows the ASG to screen travelers for COVID vaccination and COVID testing in order to be approved to enter American Samoa. With the TALOFAPASS, all travelers would have equal access to apply for travel and all travelers would be treated equally in terms of review and approval. The traveler could now upload requirements into the system and multiple ASG departments involved in safe travels approval would screen that information on the back end and communicate its decisions through the system. The TALOFAPASS is the government’s technology tool to enable contactless safe travel processing into the future. The system will be used not only to screen all incoming travelers from all destinations but it will also be used to document outbound travelers.

The ASG continues to operate under a state of emergency (CODE BLUE) into the third year of the COVID pandemic. We also continue to face the chronic issues of a healthcare workforce shortage and outdated medical infrastructure. With the repatriation operation phase completed, travel has entered into the current phase of limited commercial flights as authorized by the Governor and with the guidance of local public health and medical experts. A limited commercial flight schedule has been approved into the summer months of 2022 to allow time for residents and medical referrals to arrange travel plans.

COVID-19 SAFE TRAVEL OPERATIONS

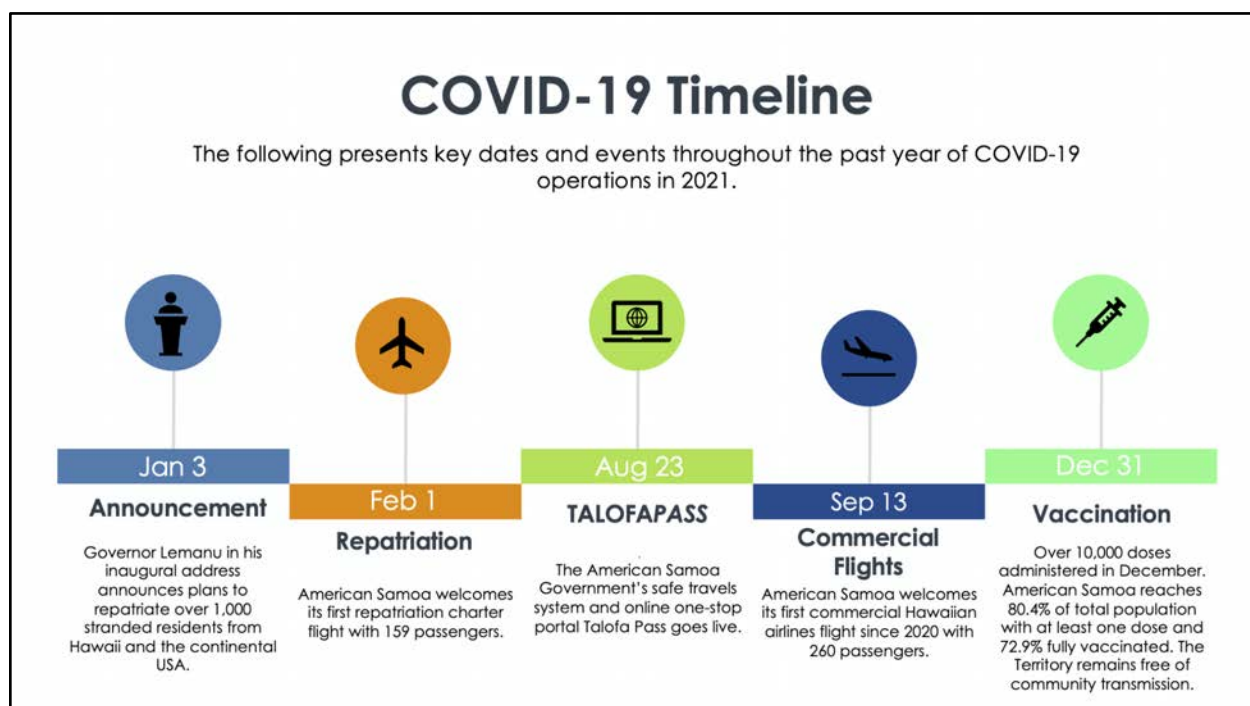


Figure 1: 2021 COVID-19 Safe Travel Operations Timeline

Repatriation

The ASG repatriation phase took place with support from Hawaii Lieutenant Governor Josh Green, Honolulu Mayor Blangiardi, the CDC Foundation, and numerous organizations serving the Pacific Islander community - including Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA). Nine repatriation charter flights later, over 1,839 passengers from Hawaii and the Continental US made up of long-term stranded residents, returning college graduates, retirees, special skill employees, and off-island referrals were processed during the repatriation program. Following the repatriation phase, ASG began its transition to commercial travel, executing test flights in July and August and launching a multi-million dollar electronic Safe Travels Program (TALOFAPASS) to streamline medical and travel requirements that would benefit both prospective travelers and government administrators.

The ASG repatriation, however, was not limited to the repatriation of American Samoan residents back to the Territory. It also included the repatriation back to the United States of U.S. residents and other foreign citizens stranded in American Samoa. Outbound charters originally began with medical purposes, shifted priority to the repatriation of non-resident citizens back to their home countries. A total of 18 outbound charter flights took place to repatriate non-AS-residents and continue medical referrals. Students also began to return to school, new military recruits reported to duty stations and compassionate and hardship cases were accommodated. Concurrently, charter

return to school, new military recruits reported to duty stations and compassionate and hardship cases were accommodated. Concurrently, charter flights continued to operate between American Samoa and Pacific Countries (Samoa, Tonga, Fiji) for repatriation, US Visa applications, special skilled workers, and most recently healthcare personnel to assist with shortages at the LBJ Hospital and the Department of Health.

COVID-19 Operations Cost Summary

Various funding sources were utilized to support COVID-19 Safe Travel operations including the US Department of Interior Office of Insular Affairs Technical Assistance Program (TAP), Medicaid, FEMA, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), CARES Act, Governor's Office Special Programs, and the Department of Health. *Table 1* below indicates that the total costs for COVID-19 related operations in 2021 were approximately \$40.87 million.

SUMMARY	
HAWAII/US REPAT FLIGHT OPERATIONS	\$20,476,299.73
HAWAII/US COMMERCIAL FLIGHT OPERATIONS	\$8,256,453.64
PACIFIC/INTER-ISLAND FLIGHT OPERATIONS	\$623,621.70
VACCINATION OUTREACH/INCENTIVES	\$6,058,383.43
PERSONNEL (OT/HERO PAY)	\$5,451,249.99
GRAND TOTAL	\$40,866,008.49

Table 1: Total COVID-19 Operations Costs

Of these costs (see Appendix A), \$27.7 Million (70%) was paid to local vendors for quarantine and vaccination operations and in OT/incentives for frontline workers and essential support staff that spanned the American Samoa Government. \$13.2 Million (30%) was spent on off-island costs for quarantine operations in Hawaii. The Repatriation phase represents half of total costs due to concurrent operations in both Hawaii and American Samoa. *Refer to Appendix O for an exhaustive list of local and off-island vendors paid to provide critical COVID-19 operation services.*

Table 1.2 below provides a breakdown of total costs by specific category:

Expense By Category	Off Island Expenses	Local Expenses	Total
QUARANTINE FACILITIES	\$3,464,197.65	\$9,352,690.00	\$12,816,887.65
FOOD/MEALS	\$1,601,076.72	\$2,007,551.00	\$3,608,627.72
TRANSPORTATION	\$3,948,278.64	\$625,794.00	\$4,574,072.64
DECONTAMINATION SERVICES	\$75,608.23	\$512,030.00	\$587,638.23
MEDICAL SERVICES	\$362,590.57	\$365,810.00	\$728,400.57

RENTALS - TENT	\$ -	\$1,658,070.38	\$1,658,070.38
RENTAL - OTHER	\$ -	\$593,407.00	\$593,407.00
TALOFA PASS CONTRACT	\$2,500,000.00	\$ -	\$2,500,000.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ -	\$2,477,039.00	\$2,477,039.00
LEGAL	\$1,118,398.98	\$ -	\$1,118,398.98
PERSONNEL	\$ -	\$5,451,250.03	\$5,451,250.03
SWEEPSTAKES & PROTECT AS ONE VENDORS	\$ -	\$247,171.05	\$247,171.05
INCENTIVES \$100	\$ -	\$1,798,700.00	\$1,798,700.00
	\$13,179,104.03	\$27,686,904.46	\$40,866,008.49

Table 1.2 COVID-19 Operations by Category

Quarantine Facilities

\$12.8 Million was utilized for quarantine facilities for pre-travel and post-travel requirements in the state of Hawaii and in American Samoa. A total of 1,830 travelers underwent quarantine in both Hawaii and American Samoa during the repatriation period. During commercial flights, a total of 1,566 travelers were quarantined in American Samoa alone. The total number of passengers from Hawaii/Continental US passengers that completed quarantine in Hawaii and/or American Samoa is approximately 3,405. Estimates from the Department of Health show that over 5,400 individuals (comprising ASG personnel, crew from Pacific repatriation flights, and other special missions) were processed through quarantine in 2021.

In Hawaii, these hotels included White Sands Hotel for the first flight and Waikiki Ohana East Hotel for subsequent repatriation flights. Following the success of the first repatriation flight, arrangements were made with Waikiki Ohana East Hotel to increase flight capacity and comfortably accommodate travelers and quarantine staff. In American Samoa, Tradewinds Hotel was the initial quarantine site and later expanded to include sites at the Diocese of Samoa (Fatu-o-Aiga) Sadies by the Sea, and the Department of Health's Alternate Care Facilities. Many issues arose with the hotels mostly in damages and smoking charges to the hotels ultimately borne by the ASG. ASG may continue to pursue legal action to recoup these unplanned costs.

Food/Meals

\$3.6 Million was utilized to provide thousands of travelers in quarantine with 3 meals a day in both Hawaii and American Samoa. The number of days spent in quarantine varied with each phase and reached up to 24 days in the initial phases of repatriation. Upon the phasing out of repatriation operations and the elimination of pre-travel quarantine in the latter half of the year, food services

were reduced to post-travel quarantine only in American Samoa. Food costs for public workers and key COVID-19 operation personnel and special meals for passengers with dietary accommodations were also included. Local vendors were numerous to include: Cecilia's Restaurant, KS Mart, Sadies by the Sea, DDW, Night Hawk, Moana O Sina, A & E, Paradise Pizza in American Samoa. Hawaii vendors include Bistro on the Go, FCH Zippy's, L & L, and Happy Bento to name a few.

Transportation

\$4.6 Million was utilized throughout the year on transportation costs supporting all repatriation and commercial flights. These costs included rental cars and shuttle services to transport wheelchair passengers from hotel to airport in Hawaii and passenger/luggage transport for charters in American Samoa. The coordination of air and ground transportation to transport 200+ passengers was no easy feat as it required the collaboration of city and state agencies in Hawaii and review of flight charter contracts never before done by the ASG. Vendors include Toilolo, Saumalu, Tofaga Malu, Skyview, Lupelele, Endtime Hope, Fetu Fou, Island Star Express, Pentagon, and Fuamatu.

Decontamination Services

\$588,000 was utilized on decontamination services provided by various vendors to ensure rooms were professionally sanitized at all quarantine sites and the decontamination of passenger luggage and vehicles with each flight for both Hawaii and American Samoa quarantine operations. Vendors include Anvee, Island Safety and Sanitation and Snow Services and BIO-X Hawaii LLC for decontamination services in Hawaii.

Medical Services

\$728,000 was utilized to provide medical disaster relief and dialysis services to passengers in both Hawaii and American Samoa beginning with repatriation charter #3 when stranded dialysis patients were able to return home. The Medicaid State Agency received approval for its Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment (SPA) under the Public Health Emergency to support the repatriation efforts. This provided AS Medicaid coverage for pre-travel quarantine in Hawaii for medical referral patients and included never before done in-hotel dialysis services by US Renal Care to allow dialysis patients to return home. This dialysis coverage service was further extended to American Samoa through Hope Dialysis, outside of LBJ hospital, to ensure dialysis passengers could receive dialysis during quarantine in AS. Vendors include Hope Dialysis in American Samoa and US Renal Care dialysis in Hawaii.

Miscellaneous

\$2.7 Million in miscellaneous costs was utilized for supplies and expenses at quarantine facilities to include bedding, flood light rentals, security lights at quarantine sites, water for quarantine sites and teams, car rentals, personnel and staff for quarantine teams at the EOC, dirt fill for quarantine sites (safety), and fuel for quarantine site rentals. Also included are regular payments to website developers for the development and maintenance of the Department of Health repatriation website initially utilized as the primary registration portal for thousands of residents requesting to be repatriated and to obtain medical approval into American Samoa. Local vendors include Personnel Resources, Cost U Less, KS Mart, IBC, ACE, Tools Inc., GHC Reid, ASPA, McConnel Dowell, Sunrise/Clipper Oil, Island flowers, Tutuila Store.

Rentals

\$2.3 Million was utilized for rental costs of tents, chairs, and tables at each of the quarantine sites (Tradewinds, Fatu O Aiga, Sadies by the Sea, Alternate Care Facility) and at the airport for both departure and arrivals. Vendors include Industrial Gases, Island Rentals, Pentagon, and Skyview.

TALOFAPASS

\$2.5 Million was paid out to Data House the firm awarded the contract to develop the IT solution to allow for the three-test protocols in Hawaii for all incoming travelers. The system is currently being used by the ASG to track registrations and covid-19 test results and has since detected and prevented the entry of over 100+ positive and close contacts in the State of Hawaii. Between 300-400 residents have continued to register onto the TALOFAPASS with each commercial flight. Datahouse continues to work with ASG on improvements and modifications to allow for regional and international (Samoa, Fiji) travelers to access and register for travel to American Samoa. The full contract for TALOFAPASS is \$6.3M and the next payment of \$1.25 Million is due in January.

Capital Improvements

\$2.5 Million was utilized to construct Community and Student Learning Centers as preventive and mitigating control measures in case of a potential COVID-19 outbreak in the Territory. These sites are currently being used as quarantine facilities to accommodate passengers with comfortable settings during their quarantine periods and especially for families with young children spending extended isolation periods at the Department of Health's Alternate Care Facilities in Tafuna. Another facility constructed at the Airport will become available for use by Feb 2022. Vendors include Nana's construction, APECS, H&H Inc, ASPA, ASTCA, and PJ corporation.

Legal

The government retained two law firms in Washington D.C, and California to defend federal lawsuits against ASG, ASG leaders and officials and the Covid Task Force. These suits have so far cost the government approximately **\$1.12 Million** and legal costs will continue to rise. The plaintiff in the CA federal lawsuit has dismissed her suit involving AS entry requirements for alleged service dogs. There are currently two civil suits against the American Samoa Government, and various government officials, Fono members and the Covid Task Force in the U.S. District Court, District of Columbia. The D.C. suits involve allegations against Covid-19 restrictions on public gatherings and religious freedom, restriction exception for the StarKist cannery, payment of disbursements in 2020, and vaccine requirements. The law firm representing ASG has filed for dismissal of the DC federal lawsuit.

Personnel

\$5.5 Million in Overtime personnel costs were paid out to numerous frontline departments and staff involved in the COVID-19 operations in 2021. The COVID-19 operations were truly a government wide effort that required all hands-on deck and many hours spent in addition to and beyond regular work duties. Such departments or offices include the AS Department of Health, AS Department of Homeland Security, Department of Port Administration, Department of Public Works, Department of Public Safety, Department of Treasury, Department of Human Resources, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Agriculture, Department of Youth and Women's Affairs, Office of Public Information, Office of Procurement, Budget Office, Office of Samoan Affairs, Office of the Governor, Office of Disaster Assistance and Petroleum Management, and AS Medicaid Office.

Sweepstakes and Protect AS One Festival

\$247,000 was spent on the first vaccination incentives in the months leading into the limited commercial flight phase of the operations. Vaccinated residents of the Territory were automatically included in drawings to be eligible for prize and cash giveaways. After the sweepstakes eligibility period, a culminating event “Vaccinate to Celebrate” in collaboration with the private sector and as part of the AS Department of Health’s “Protect AS One” vaccination campaign was organized to provide a family fun event to the community, local food vendors, allowing for vaccinations to be administered on site, and more prize giveaways to vaccinated attendees. Vendors include Klaod Solutions, Kabani Kreations, IBC & Tutuila Store.

\$100 Incentives

\$1.8 Million and 17,000+ residents were eligible for the popular \$100 incentive which gave parents and their children an opportunity to receive cash payments for both first and second doses. Two different eligibility or incentive periods were announced in both August and as part of the

school-based mass vaccination incentive in December. Consequently, the turnout from the community in these months saw a significant increase in doses administered with the December incentive period making it one of the most successful months of the entire year. Although met with some criticism, vaccination incentives have been a popular tool to promote vaccinations in the United States amid widespread misinformation and hesitancy.

Hawaii/Continental US Repatriation

In January 2021, planning began for the repatriation of medical referrals, returning residents, and special skill employees from across the Pacific, Hawaii, and the continental US. While the spread of the virus in the Pacific island region was sparse, the uncontrolled spread of the virus across America was widespread with death tolls in excess of 360,000 (see Figure 1.2 below).

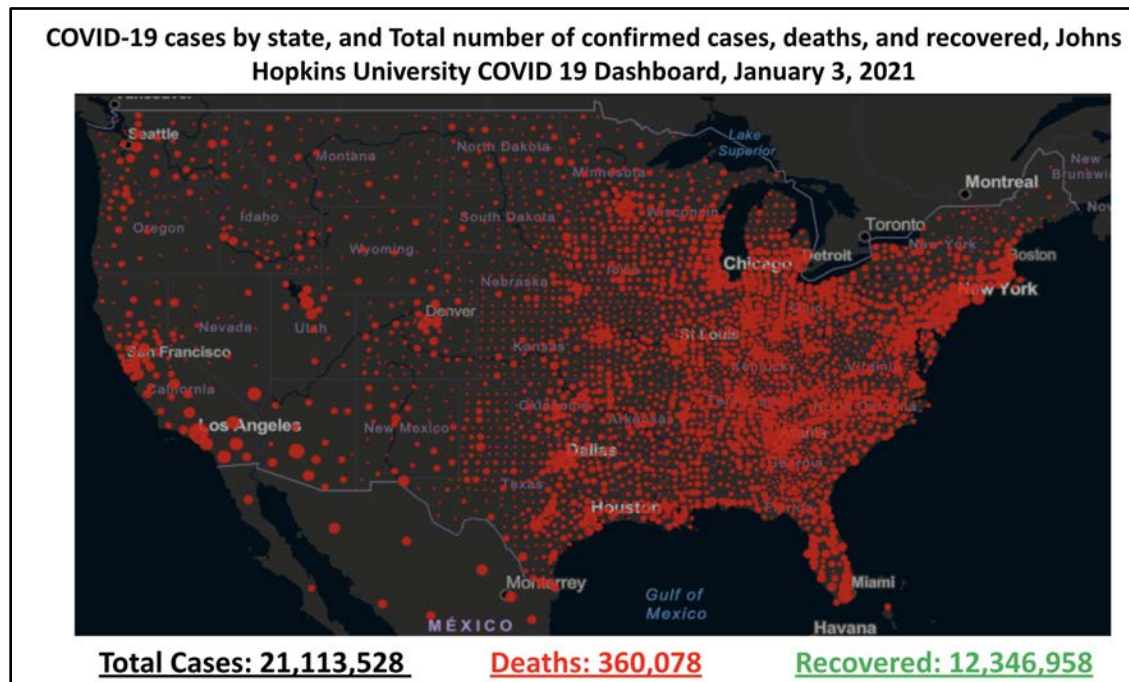


Figure 1.2: COVID-19 cases by state

Due to the high risk of travelers from the US and low vaccination coverage in American Samoa, the local public health and medical community recommended pre-travel quarantine and quarantine upon arrival as the best course of action to protect the community. Such measures would allow for frequent testing and the prevention of active positives from being imported into the Territory as vaccination efforts were barely getting off the ground. Coordination was critical with key public and private sector leaders and support staff in both American Samoa and Hawaii. The ASG Hawaii office took the lead in coordinating operations with the State of Hawaii. This entailed the hiring of adequate Hawaii quarantine and medical staff and securing suitable accommodations for pre-travel quarantine operations. The COVID-19 Task Force coordinated the planning and execution of local

operations and payments. The implementation of two concurrent operations presented many unique challenges.

Such challenges included identifying an accurate account of stranded residents, continued outbound flights with departing residents, and the American Samoa Government taking on the task of coordination of charters amid Coronavirus surges and low vaccination rates. This meant determining priority categories for a slew of individual and traveling families, the collection of payments, ensuring travelers were approved medically to fly, and assisting with the fulfillment of immigration and residency requirements. The following are cost estimates per repatriation flight from Feb - August.

Repatriation Flight #1

Nonetheless, on February 1st 2021 and after two weeks of pre-travel quarantine at the White Sands Hotel in Hawaii, the COVID-19 Task Force welcomed its first repatriation charter flight to American Samoa with a total of 159 passengers. According to *Table 1.3* (see also Appendix C) below, all associated costs were approximately **\$1.98 Million** with the total cost per passenger at \$12,428.49.

EXPENSE BY CATEGORY	REPAT 1
HOTEL	\$ 1,425,045
FOOD	\$ 148,456
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 328,120
DECONTAMINATION SERVICES	\$ 49,240
MEDICAL SERVICES	\$ -
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 21,819
RENTAL	\$ -
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 3,449
LEGAL	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 1,976,130

Table 1.3: Expense by Category Repat Flight #1

Repatriation Flight #2

On March 10, 2021 the American Samoa Government's second repatriation charter flight arrived with a total of 188 passengers. According to *Table 1.4* (see also Appendix D) below, all associated costs for this charter were approximately **\$1.75 Million** with the total cost per passenger at \$9,320.03.

EXPENSE BY CATEGORY	REPAT 2
HOTEL	\$ 1,184,277
FOOD	\$ 183,322
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 319,240
DECONTAMINATION SERVICES	\$ 48,767
MEDICAL SERVICES	\$ -
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 8,306
RENTAL	\$ 4,775
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 3,478
LEGAL	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 1,752,165

Table 1.4: Expense by Category Repat Flight #2

Repatriation Flight #3

On April 15, 2021 the American Samoa Government's third repatriation charter flight arrived with a total of 224 passengers. According to *Table 1.5* (see also Appendix E) below, all associated costs for this charter were approximately **\$2.13 Million** with the total cost per passenger at \$9,523.21.

EXPENSE BY CATEGORY	REPAT 3
HOTEL	\$ 1,231,619
FOOD	\$ 218,402
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 319,400
DECONTAMINATION SERVICES	\$ 42,458
MEDICAL SERVICES	\$ 308,529
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 8,306
RENTAL	\$ 4,485
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ -
LEGAL	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 2,133,200

Table 1.5: Expense by Category Repat Flight #3

Repatriation Flight #4

On May 10, 2021 the American Samoa Government's fourth repatriation charter flight arrived with a total of 273 passengers. According to *Table 1.6* (see also Appendix F) below, all associated costs for this charter were approximately **\$1.93 Million** with the total cost per passenger at \$7,066.14.

EXPENSE BY CATEGORY	REPAT 4
HOTEL	\$ 953,944
FOOD	\$ 334,260
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 320,300
DECONTAMINATION SERVICES	\$ 23,915
MEDICAL SERVICES	\$ 53,566
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 8,306
RENTAL	\$ 8,524
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 226,241
LEGAL	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 1,929,055

Table 1.6: Expense by Category Repat Flight #4

Repatriation Flight #5

On June 1, 2021 the American Samoa Government's fifth repatriation charter flight arrived with a total of 212 passengers. According to *Table 1.7* (see also Appendix G) below, all associated costs for this charter were approximately **\$1.66 Million** with the total cost per passenger at \$7,824.82.

EXPENSE BY CATEGORY	REPAT 5
HOTEL	\$ 898,655
FOOD	\$ 295,151
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 319,600
DECONTAMINATION SERVICES	\$ 44,284
MEDICAL SERVICES	\$ 74,965
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 8,306
RENTAL	\$ 6,410
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 11,490
LEGAL	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 1,658,862

Table 1.7: Expense by Category Repat Flight #5

Repatriation Flight #6

On June 19, 2021 the American Samoa Government's sixth repatriation charter flight arrived with a total of 251 passengers. According to *Table 1.8* (see also Appendix H) below, all associated costs for this charter were approximately **\$1.9 Million** with the total cost per passenger at \$7,581.20.

EXPENSE BY CATEGORY	REPAT 6
HOTEL	\$ 1,151,968
FOOD	\$ 345,298
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 319,900
DECONTAMINATION SERVICES	\$ 40,052
MEDICAL SERVICES	\$ 12,000
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 8,306
RENTAL	\$ 13,866
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 11,490
LEGAL	\$ -
TALOFA PASS	
TOTAL	\$ 1,902,880

Table 1.8: Expense by Category Repat Flight #6

Repatriation Flight #7

On July 9, 2021 the American Samoa Government's seventh repatriation charter flight arrived with a total of 254 passengers. According to *Table 1.9* (see also Appendix I) below, all associated costs for this charter were approximately **\$1.8 Million** with the total cost per passenger at \$7,144.15.

EXPENSE BY CATEGORY	REPAT 7
HOTEL	\$ 1,094,487
FOOD	\$ 230,849
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 318,920
DECONTAMINATION SERVICES	\$ 15,575
MEDICAL SERVICES	\$ 132,351
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 8,306
RENTAL	\$ 14,126
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ -
LEGAL	\$ -
TALOFA PASS	
TOTAL	\$ 1,814,614

Table 1.9: Expense by Category Repat Flight #7

Repatriation Flight #8

On July 29, 2021 the American Samoa Government's eighth repatriation charter flight arrived with a total of 145 passengers. According to *Table 2* (see also Appendix J) below, all associated costs for this charter were approximately **\$1.9 Million** with the total cost per passenger at \$13,484.26.

With the announcement of commercial flights resuming in subsequent months, one of the major challenges experienced with this specific flight and previous flights were passenger dropouts or opting to return on future flights. The low number of confirmed passengers and the increase in cost per passenger were due to the large number of unoccupied seats.

EXPENSE BY CATEGORY	REPAT 8
HOTEL	\$ 1,074,495
FOOD	\$ 410,502
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 319,920
DECONTAMINATION SERVICES	\$ 7,675
MEDICAL SERVICES	\$ 121,194
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 8,306
RENTAL	\$ 13,126
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ -
LEGAL	\$ -
TALOFA PASS	
TOTAL	\$ 1,955,217

Table 2: Expense by Category Repat Flight #8

Repatriation Flight #9 (Safe Travels Test Flight)

On August 30, 2021 the American Samoa Government's ninth repatriation charter flight arrived with a total of 140 passengers. According to *Table 2.1* (see also Appendix K) below, all associated costs for this charter were approximately **\$640,106** with the total cost per passenger at \$4,864.71. This was also the official test flight for the TALOFAPASS system.

EXPENSE BY CATEGORY	REPAT 9
HOTEL	\$ 219,912
FOOD	\$ 112,194
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 315,000
DECONTAMINATION SERVICES	\$ -
MEDICAL SERVICES	\$ -
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ -
RENTAL	\$ -
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ -
LEGAL	\$ -
TALOFA PASS	
TOTAL	\$ 647,006

Table 2.1: Expense by Category Repat Flight #9

Pacific Region Repatriation

Apia Flights

The air and sea borders between Pago Pago and Apia remained closed to passenger traffic well into the first months of the new administration, however not for long. The ASG responded to demand from residents who requested opportunities to travel across to Apia for urgent matters such as repatriation, US Visa interviews, medical treatment, business, and the Fa'aSamoa (i.e., family and church events).

Samoa nationals who had traveled to American Samoa prior to the Covid-19 border closure were stranded and expressed their frustration, waiting for an opportunity to return home to Apia. The Congresswoman's Office and the LBJ Medical Referral Program had a backlog of patients who were suffering from delayed access to medical care in the United States because they were unable to complete visa interviews at the US Embassy in Apia. LBJ patients seeking access to medical facilities at the Motootua Hospital also suffered from delayed medical care. Businesses from the construction, hospitality, and fishery sectors required manpower from Samoa and the border closure was hindering their productivity and revenue levels. Family, church, and village organizations also requested flights to and from Apia for the continuity of precious relationships between groups in the two Samoas.

The Governor and Lt. Governor responded by opening the border to passenger traffic, albeit with mandatory testing and quarantine policies enforced by the Task Force in American Samoa and its counterpart in Apia, the National Emergency Operation Center (NEOC). Coordination between the two countries in tandem with respective health authorities, airline companies, and passengers relied on strong internal and external communication and compliance with health regulations so that Covid-19 cases were detected and contained at the border.

The Apia Flight Program spent an estimated **\$621,000**. As relevant stakeholders performed their respective roles in the initial months of the program, it was apparent that ASG no longer needed to charter flights. The Apia Flight Program then moved all costs to the passengers, whereby they paid airline companies directly for their flights. Other repatriation charters arranged from the Pacific region included a repatriation from Tonga and a recent Fiji Airways charter to repatriate healthcare employees, new hires, and their dependents.

Table 2.2 below provides a summary of both outbound and inbound Repatriation and Commercial Charter flights.

SUMMARY OF BOTH AIRLINES				
Month	REGULAR REPAT FLIGHTS		COMM. CHARTER FLIGHTS	
	Outbound	Inbound	Outbound	Inbound
Feb-21			58	41
Mar-21			38	48
Apr-21	3	7	44	36
May-21	19	42	20	0
Jun-21	87	66	0	5
Jul-21	45	82	10	7
Aug-21	120	154	19	21
Sep-21	227	330	0	8
Oct-21	10	259	0	0
Nov-21	236	351	1	1
Dec-21	272	427	24	35
TOTAL	1019	1718	214	202

Table 2.2: Apia Flight Summary

Table 2.3 (Samoa Airways) and 2.4 (Talofa Airways) provide summaries of repatriation and commercial flights by airline.

SAMOA AIRWAYS				
Month	REGULAR REPAT		COMM. CHARTER	
	Outbound	Inbound	Outbound	Inbound
21-Feb	0	0	58	41
21-Mar	0	0	38	43
21-Apr	0	0	38	30
21-May	0	0	14	0
21-Jun	12	14	0	0
21-Jul	0	25	6	6
21-Aug	120	154	6	0
21-Sep	227	330	0	8
21-Oct	0	157	0	0
21-Nov	175	231	0	0
21-Dec	171	220	13	13
TOTAL	705	1131	173	141

Table 2.3: Samoa Airways Flight Summary

TALOFA AIRWAYS				
Month	REGULAR REPAT		COMM. CHARTER	
	Outbound	Inbound	Outbound	Inbound
Feb-21	0	0	0	0
Mar-21	0	0	0	5
Apr-21	3	7	6	6
May-21	19	42	6	0
Jun-21	75	52	0	5
Jul-21	45	57	4	1
Aug-21	0	0	13	21
Sep-21	0	0	0	0
Oct-21	10	102	0	0
Nov-21	61	120	1	1
Dec-21	101	207	11	22
TOTAL	314	587	41	61

Table 2.4: Talofa Airways Flight Summary

The Task Force will increase the number and frequency of flights per month to meet increased demand for travel. This will also enable the two Samoas to maximize the economic and political benefits of the zero-Covid status. This will ultimately be driven by the rollout of Talofa Pass for all Samoa and Pacific travel starting January 2022. Apart from automating the compliance process for pre-departure and arrival in American Samoa, moving our people to an online platform will create resilience in our community that will foster good relationships between the two Samoas post-Covid.

Other Pacific Flights

Other Pacific flights included repatriation flights and quarantine costs for residents stranded in Tonga, Fiji, and New Zealand. The repatriation flight from Fiji was to bring much needed medical personnel from LBJ and DOH. The government chartered the Fiji Airways to bring in 89 passengers and returned 19 passengers to Fiji at a cost of \$62,000.00 roundtrip. All passengers had to do a 72-hour pre-travel COVID test and be fully vaccinated and all were held in 7-days quarantine upon arrival.

Limited Commercial Flights

Safe Travels TALOFAPASS System

On July 22, 2021, a one-way outbound medical charter flight was used as a safe travels assessment and pre-test trial for the 3-Test protocols that was being developed for the next phase after repatriation. This effort was part of the government's planning and designing of the solution to continue flights after July. During this planning phase to resume commercial flights without pre-travel quarantine, careful consideration was given to the testing requirements and quarantine time for fully vaccinated and unvaccinated travelers. Two directors and two Hawaii safe travels consultants traveled on one-way inbound flight to test the 3-test protocols with the HI test center and assess the airport COVID testing protocols and arrivals logistic. The final test flight for the TALOFAPASS system arrived safely on August 30, 2021 with 140 passengers. See Repat Flight #9 (Table 2.1, Appendix K).

The next phase of travel began in September with the arrival of the first commercial flight between American Samoa and Hawaii/Continental US since 2020. The return to a commercial flight schedule removed the burden of charters and booking from the government back to Hawaiian Airlines. Further, costs to the Government were significantly reduced. With the end of the pre-travel quarantine protocols in Hawaii, the government needed a solution to continue flights efficiently while keeping the territory safe from COVID. TALOFAPASS offered a comprehensive IT solution that would allow ASG to screen eligible travelers for valid travel documents, valid vaccination cards, medical clearances and timely COVID testing. An important feature of the system is the principle that everyone must register on the system to obtain medical and entry

approvals for travel to American Samoa. If a traveler does not pass all the approval gates on the system, the ASG will deny that application until the traveler is able to comply. Checks and controls include monitoring for compliance by all agencies involved in the TALOFAPASS.

The system enables the timely and seamless sharing of information and documents between the traveler and government, as well as between government agencies and other partner entities like the airlines and COVID test sites. In addition, the TALOFAPASS has the capability to capture critical data and test results of passengers to assist with informed decision making. According to Figure 1.3 below (see also Appendix L), 101 positive travelers and close contacts were detected and prevented from entering the Territory as result of the three-test protocol required before departure in Hawaii.

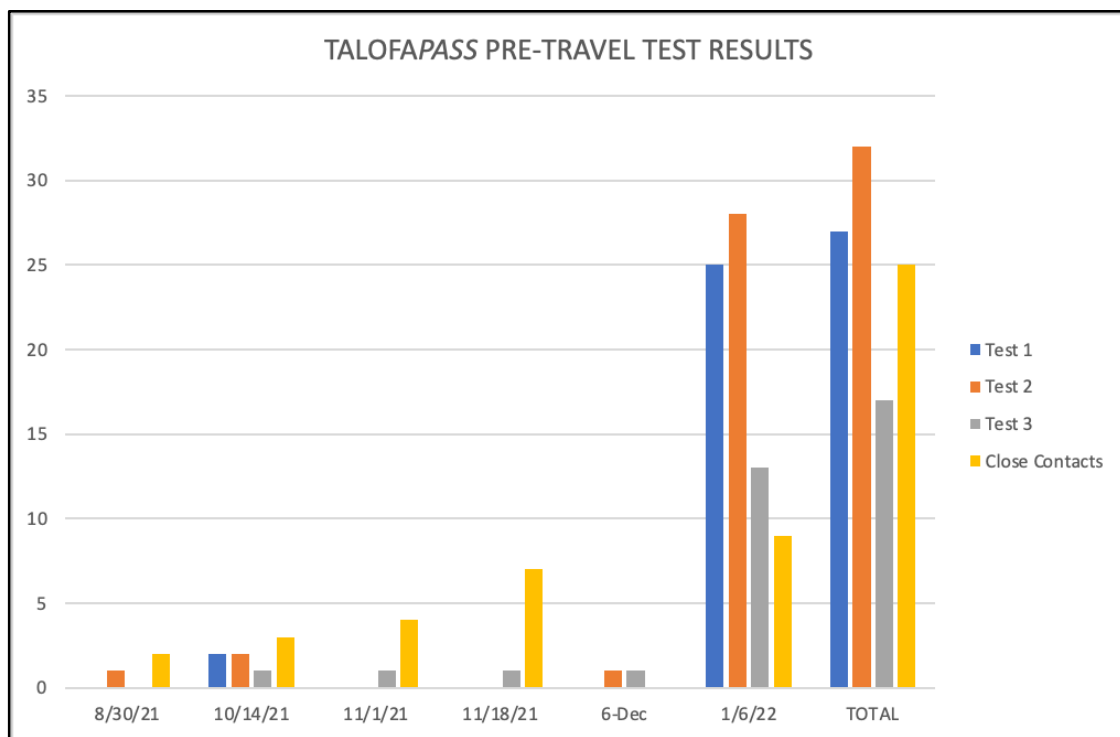


Figure 1.3: TALOFAPASS Pre-Travel Test Results

Commercial Flight Cost Summary

Table 2.5 (see also Appendix M) below provides a summary of the limited commercial flight schedule including total number of passengers, average costs per flight, and costs per passenger. A significant reduction in costs by nearly half of repatriation phase costs were primarily due to the elimination of charter costs and pre-travel quarantine costs in the state of Hawaii.

Flight	Passengers	Cost	Cost per Passenger
1-Sep-13	260	\$ 1,336,075.67	\$ 5,138.75
2-Sep-27	232	\$ 1,336,075.67	\$ 5,758.95
3-Oct-14	278	\$ 1,336,075.67	\$ 4,806.03
4-Nov-01	262	\$ 1,336,075.67	\$ 5,099.53
5-Nov-18	282	\$ 1,336,075.67	\$ 4,737.86
6-Dec-06	253	\$ 1,336,075.67	\$ 5,280.93
15-Dec-21 (Fiji Airways)	89	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 2,696.63
	1655	\$ 8,256,454	

Table 2.5: Commercial Flight Schedule

The following provides a summary of each commercial flight beginning in September until present and the status of imported positives amid the rise of the delta and omicron variants in the United States of America.

Commercial Flight #1

The first Hawaiian Airlines commercial flight since 2020 arrived on **September 13, 2021** with a total of 260 passengers. The flight also resulted in the Territory's first positive "imported case" and protocols were immediately activated. The Department of Health's response to a positive case requires the immediate isolation of the individual(s) and all close contacts for 14 days for treatment and monitoring before safe release to their homes and into the community.

Further, a home quarantine component allows for daily check-ins through the TALOFAPASS system. Since the removal of pre-travel quarantine in Hawaii, subsequent commercial flights have detected positive cases and followed isolation protocols to prevent community spread. Numerous cases of historical positives have also been reported in quarantine by the Department of Health. The failure of travelers to disclose their COVID-19 infection history has been cited as an ongoing challenge. 1 historical case was detected on this flight.

Commercial Flight #2

The second Hawaiian Airlines commercial flight arrived on **September 27, 2021** with a total of 232 passengers. Testing of passengers in quarantine resulted in 2 positive cases and 3 close contacts that were immediately relocated to isolation at Alternative Care Facilities for continued monitoring. The 2 positive cases and close contacts remained in isolation for the full 14-day period before safely discharged to their homes. 1 historical case was detected on this flight.

Commercial Flight #3

The third Hawaiian Airlines commercial flight arrived on **October 14, 2021** with a total of 278 passengers. Testing of passengers in quarantine resulted in 1 positive case that was immediately relocated to isolation at Alternative Care Facilities for continued monitoring. The 1 positive case remained in isolation for the full 14-day period until fully recovered and before safely discharged to their homes. 4 historical cases were also detected on this flight.

Commercial Flight #4

The fourth Hawaiian Airlines commercial flight arrived on **November 1, 2021** with a total of 262 passengers. Testing of passengers in quarantine resulted in 1 positive case that was immediately relocated to isolation at Alternative Care Facilities for continued monitoring. The 1 positive case remained in isolation for the full 14-day period until fully recovered and before safely discharged to their homes. 3 historical cases were also detected on this flight.

Commercial Flight #5

The fifth Hawaiian Airlines commercial flight arrived on **November 18, 2021** with a total of 282 passengers. Testing of passengers in quarantine resulted in 5 positive cases, 1 exposed, and 10 close contacts for a total of 16 that were immediately relocated to isolation at Alternative Care Facilities for continued monitoring. The positive cases and close contacts remained in isolation for the full 14-day period until fully recovered and before safely discharged to their homes. 4 historical cases were also detected on this flight.

Commercial Flight #6

The sixth Hawaiian Airlines commercial flight arrived on **December 6, 2021** with a total of 252 passengers. Testing of passengers in quarantine resulted in 1 positive case that was immediately relocated to isolation at Alternative Care Facilities for continued monitoring. The positive case remained in isolation for the full 14-day period until fully recovered and before safely discharged to their homes. 2 historical cases were also detected on this flight.

Special Charter Flight

American Samoa welcomed the first ever Fiji Airways charter on **December 15, 2021** with a total of 89 passengers. All passengers were quarantined for 7 days and COVID testing returned no positive cases before being discharged.

In total, 11 positive cases were imported, and numerous historical cases detected during the limited commercial flight phase. All asymptomatic positives were successfully contained and isolated for

full recovery prior to the safe discharge into the community. It should be noted that between all repatriation charter flights and commercial flights to and from Hawaii/Continental US, flights to and from the Samoas were also regularly ongoing. Additionally, travel authorizations were granted for special Federal missions and frequent fueling requests from private and foreign military aircrafts.

VACCINATION OUTREACH & INCENTIVES

American Samoa's high comorbidity and extremely high levels of non-communicable diseases (Hypertension, diabetes, obesity, and others) puts the population at high risk to the impact of the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, our limited healthcare services and facilities in the territory only heightens the risk to the general population. Our cultural and communal societal norms where multi-generations and in many cases multi-families sharing the same living space makes the possibility of community spread of the COVID-19 virus even more risky.

The territory experienced initial success in the early months with the implementation of the COVID-19 vaccinations as they became readily available for residents. Prioritizing the highest risk population, American Samoa quickly outpaced many States and other Territories in the vaccination rate of its citizens. Unfortunately, the vaccination rates slowed and the American Samoa COVID-19 Task force began to seek ways to incentivize and increase turnout at vaccination sites. Figure 1.4 below highlights the number of doses in the early months of the year and gradual declines in subsequent months.

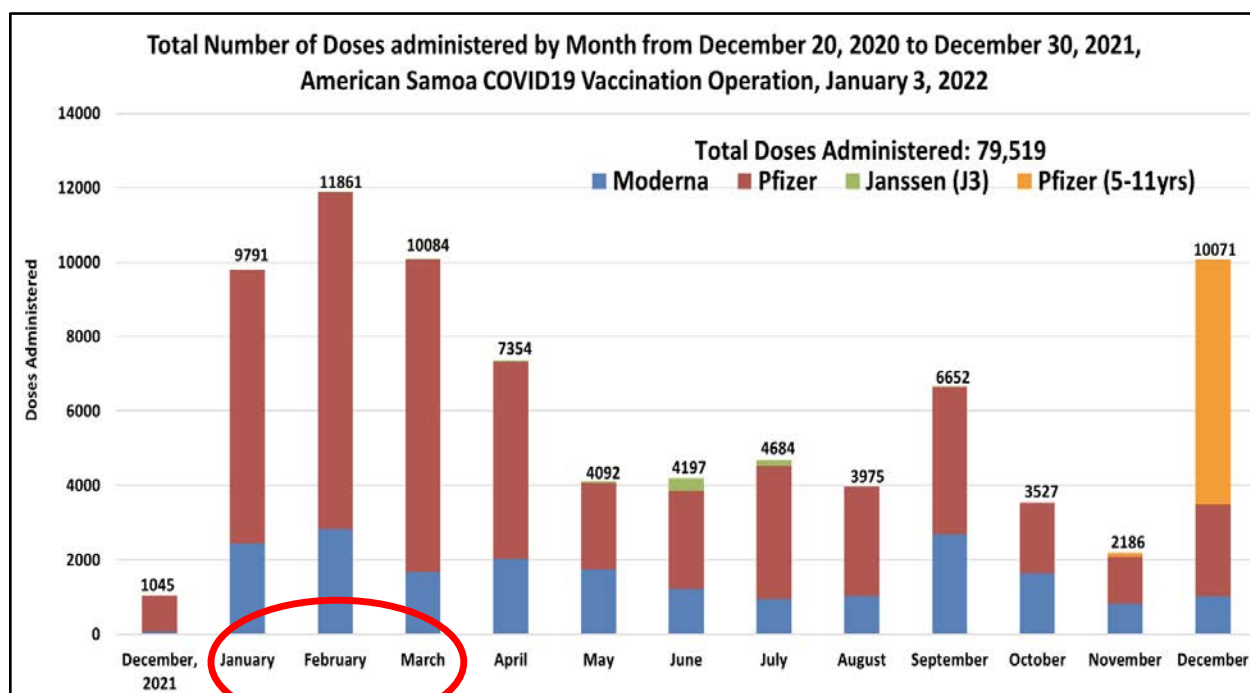


Figure 1.4: Total Number of Doses (Jan 3, 2022)

First, the Department of Health implemented village level vaccination and outreach sites to inform and educate the public on the benefits vaccinations bring to individuals and the community at large. Second, The Covid-19 Taskforce launched a vaccination sweepstakes with prizes and awards for vaccinations. A \$100 incentive was launched in the summer and again as part of the December mass vaccination drive which resulted in one of the most successful months of the year.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Vaccination Program

The ARPA Vaccination program is a multi-department initiative by the Department of Health, Office of Samoan Affairs, Department of Treasury and the Office of the Governor to implement territory-wide COVID-19 outreach and vaccination campaign to increase our territorial vaccination rate in order to safely reopen our borders and keep the population of American Samoa safe and free of the deadly COVID-19 virus. American Samoa's unique cultural and traditional system of governance incorporates our traditional village and matai system. These traditional leaders play a critical role in village life and are instrumental in American Samoa's response to various emergency events. The support from our traditional leaders were integral to increasing our vaccination rates.

Office of Samoan Affairs (OSA) *pulenu'u* or village mayors and assigned OSA leoleo tracked and recorded house and interactions using the provided tracker forms. Pulenu'u's were trained not to provide medical advice rather to encourage villagers to seek healthcare professionals for their medical questions and concerns. An island-wide door to door vaccination information campaign spearheaded by the Office of Samoan Affairs in partnership with the Department of Health, Department of Treasury and other key departments was launched on August 30, 2021 and concluded on October 15, 2021. The campaign period coincided with the back-to-school activities to allow for the maximum number of newly eligible population to receive the vaccinations.

The \$100 vaccination incentive only applied to the unvaccinated and was determined after participating in a national webinar hosted by the Surgeon General to discuss the most current information on the COVID-19 virus and the mutations namely the Delta variant. Other states and territories had piloted various incentive programs to help achieve higher vaccination rates. Our local leadership believed that similar incentives would help achieve our vaccination goals. The COVID-19 outreach and vaccination incentive program began with DOH providing training and COVID-19 vaccination materials to be distributed by the *pulenu'u*. Information including expanded vaccination site locations and hours of operation including weekends, evenings and additional sites. The campaign included vaccination sites on the outer islands (Manu'a islands).

Mass Vaccination & Incentive Cost Summary

Table 2.6 below provides a summary of costs for numerous mass vaccination incentives and operational costs associated with the FEMA Vaccination grant.

Summary	
Sweepstakes Raffle Giveaways	\$246,871.05
\$100 Incentives	\$1,799,000
FEMA Vaccination	\$4,012,512.38
TOTAL	\$ 6,058,383

Table 2.6: Mass Vaccination & Incentive Cost Summary

Sweepstakes Raffle Giveaways (July)

The vaccination raffle was one of the first incentive programs designed by Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga and Lieutenant Governor Talauega E.V. Ale to encourage eligible residents to get fully vaccinated. The program included weekly drawings for fully vaccinated residents to win cash prizes and electronics.



Photo Credit: Office of the Governor

Table 2.7 below shows the various age groups, prizes, and total amounts disbursed during this limited vaccination sweepstake and drawing period.

Age Group	Prizes	Amount	Total	# of prizes to be drawn @ each draw date
12-16	50	\$1,000.00	\$25,000 (25) cash prizes + (25) electronics (CoC)	12
17-30	50	\$2,000.00	*\$100,000.00	13
31-50	<u>15</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>	<u>3</u>
51 and older	<u>20</u>	<u>\$2500.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>5</u>

Table 2.7: COVID-19 Sweepstake Prize Giveaways - costs include estimates of non-cash prizes

\$100 Incentives (August)

Table 2.8 below illustrates the impact of the \$100 incentive program as over 10,000 doses (combination of 1st & 2nd doses) were administered during the initial \$100 incentive campaign period between August - October. The highest locations were the more populated areas of Tafuna and Pago Pago.

LOCATION	TOTAL COUNT	TOTAL \$	%
Airport	377	\$37,700	4%
Amouli	147	\$14,700	1%
DYWA Pago	3013	\$301,300	30%
EOB	691	\$69,100	7%
Fagaalu	228	\$22,800	2%
Leone	593	\$59,300	6%
Manua	87	\$8,700	1%
DWYA Tafuna	5046	\$504,600	50%
Total	10182	\$1,018,200	100%

Table 2.8: \$100 incentives disbursed

School-based Mass Vaccination Drive (December)

After careful deliberation over the most efficient strategy to achieve AS vaccination goals, considering and weighting all past challenges, successes and experiences across multi-departments, another mass vaccination drive was unanimously decided. The newly available COVID-19 vaccination dose for children in the 5-11 age group was a determining factor as it introduced and shifted the emphasis on this target group of the population. The plan was put together to overcome barriers of accessibility, location and motivation. On December 1st, the Task Force launched the second mass vaccination drive and re-introduced the \$100 incentive with carefully selected sites across Tutuila, Aunu'u and Manu'a. The incentive was open to the public for the first or second shots during the campaign period. Residents eligible for booster shots were not eligible for the \$100 incentive but were still permitted to receive them at any of the sites.

This vaccination drive was widely promoted through multimedia platforms to reach a wide range of audiences. In addition, DOH also held information sessions for parents, caregivers, and the public in each district to provide further info on the mass vaccination drive and to address any questions or concerns about the vaccine. With the support of the village council and Director of Education, each school was well-informed and accommodating to host and coordinate their vaccination site over a 3-week campaign.



Photo Credit: Leiema Hunt

The campaign plan was methodically designed to approach the public schools by region over a three-week period from December 1-18th. All departments involved focused their efforts on the Central district in week one, the Western district in week two and lastly the Eastern district and outer islands in week three. There are two main performance measures for the campaign: 1) Number of vaccination shots administered and 2) Number of incentives disbursed. Table 2.9 below represents the total value of the \$100 incentive disbursed from December 1-31, 2021 and the total number of doses eligible to receive the incentive.

December 2021 School Mass Vaccination Campaign Summary	
Reporting Period:	December 1-31, 2021
Total Disbursed:	\$780,800.00
Total Doses:	7,808

Table 2.9: Vaccine doses administered (December 1- December 31)

After the initial success of the school mass vaccination campaign to administer the first dose for the 5-11 age group, it was determined that based on the amount of doses expected to arrive, the school age mass vaccination campaign would be extended to January 14, 2022 to include the incentive for the second dose to help get the territory achieve its targeted goal of 90% population vaccination rate.

FEMA Vaccination Grant

According to Appendix N, an estimated **\$4.01 Million** in Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) vaccination grant funds went toward a variety of local vendors in support of local COVID-19 operations. FEMA's Public Assistance program awarded the ASG a total of

\$6.8 million to support the vaccination efforts in American Samoa. Administered through the Office of Disaster Assistance & Petroleum Management (ODAPM). Funds will reimburse expenses for medical and support staff, personal protective equipment, facility costs and supplies required to store, handle, transport and administer vaccines, and efforts to share public information regarding vaccinations.

In its federal commitment to ensure at least a 90% full vaccination goal is achieved at a faster pace, FEMA released the first half of the awarded amount to expedite the launch and delivery of the mass vaccination drive in the Territory. The vaccination project under the leadership of Dr. Francine Amoa of DOH submitted a draft plan that was pre-approved by FEMA. This quickly prompted the advance release of funds that immediately provided the financial help with purchase of equipment and supplies urgently needed. The operation began and ran smoothly as funds were readily available, as opposed to the current time-consuming reimbursement process on other public assistance grants whereby local funds advance payment and then seek FEMA's approval afterwards. This practice has been communicated with FEMA as one of the challenges in the timely completion of disaster related projects.

Noteworthy is the assistance of the student nurses enrolled at the American Samoa Community College majoring in the Nursing program for the invaluable contribution of their time and expertise in the administration of vaccination shots. The DOH reached out to the student nurses for help during the weekend and after hours. The nurses were trained by DOH doctors and nurses and were compensated via stipends under this funding. We also received great assistance from LBJ Tropical Medical Center and the local VA hospital that provided doctors and nurses to assist in the vaccination drive. The partnerships and collaborative efforts of these community partners allowed ASG to further its vaccination goals.

American Samoa Government Vaccination Mandate

In November, Governor Lemanu issued a statement announcing a vaccination mandate through a revision of the October Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 that "Covid-19 vaccination is now mandatory for all Executive Branch employees of the American Samoa Government including but not limited to career service employees, political appointees, and contract employees." All Executive departments and offices were given until December 15, 2021 to provide proof of full vaccination to the Department of Human Resources. In December, the latest COVID-19 declaration extended the deadline for the vaccination mandate to January 14, 2022.

Employees that fail to submit proof of full vaccination or obtain an approved exemption within the accommodations set forth in the emergency declaration are subject to being placed on leave. In addition, full vaccination is a requirement for all persons over the age of 16 seeking entry to the Territory unless the person is not medically qualified. Table 3 below illustrates that as of January 14, the vaccination coverage for ASG executive branch employees covered under the mandate and

as reported by the AS Department of Human Resources indicates that 90.53% of ASG employees are fully vaccinated.

Number of Employees	Fully vaccinated	Partial Vaccination	Exemption Request	Pending	Percentage of Fully Vaccinated
5103	4620	142	55	271	90.53%

Table 3: ASG Vaccination Coverage Rate

Semi-autonomous agencies of the government, although not subject to the ASG mandate, have been advised to strongly encourage vaccination for the protection of their staff and organizations. The American Samoa Community College for instance provided incentives that included waiving registration fees at the start of semester for eligible students with proof of vaccination.

OUR PATH FORWARD

The primary mission of the COVID-19 Taskforce in 2022 remains unchanged: to protect the people of American Samoa from the devastating impacts of COVID. Pursuit of this mission requires careful balancing of competing interests, and a constant re-examination of procedures to ensure that our efforts do not result in unnecessary pain and suffering for our people. As it has done in 2021, the Taskforce's work in 2022 will be data-driven and rely on the advice of our local medical community, including our federal partners. We will also take into account unique aspects of our community and Samoan culture.

In 2022, the Taskforce will focus on three primary areas, to ensure protection of our people from COVID and of our freedoms and individual rights. First, we will push our vaccination rates to meet and exceed 90% of the entire population. Medical experts both locally and abroad overwhelmingly agree that vaccination is the best way to protect against COVID. As of the end of 2021, 72.9 % of our total population were fully vaccinated while 80.4 % received at least one shot.

Second, we will continue to monitor our borders to ensure that travel between American Samoa and other destinations is safe. While a full closure of borders is perhaps the best method to ensure protection against the spread of COVID in American Samoa, such an approach is not feasible. Nor is it necessary given the availability of safe vaccines, improvement in testing methods and activation of the Talofa Pass system, which allows us to screen all incoming passengers. We have also improved our quarantine capabilities with the construction and improvement of additional facilities to accommodate travelers for examination and isolation. Likewise, our quarantine and medical personnel have gained valuable experience in 2021 on how to screen incoming passengers as well as operating quarantine facilities. These improvements will allow us to carefully reopen our borders to allow more flights into American Samoa from Hawaii and other destinations.

Thirdly, is the LBJ Hospital. We need to be sure that our only hospital has the capabilities to handle COVID cases. This requires an assessment of medical personnel and facilities, equipment, and supplies, including medicines. As we continue to open up our borders to more flights from Apia and Hawaii, there is an increased risk that COVID will spread to our community. The Taskforce will work closely with LBJ and the medical community to ensure that LBJ has sufficient medical doctors, nurses and other personnel to serve our people. In December 2021, the Taskforce helped LBJ by chartering a flight from Fiji which brought medical personnel for LBJ and DOH. We also need to work closely with LBJ to ensure that medical equipment is regularly maintained and certified for patients that require them.

We believe that improvement in these three areas will allow American Samoa to remain safe from COVID while slowly returning our island community to some sense of normalcy. We know this is a significant undertaking that cannot be accomplished without the support and assistance of our entire community. We are confident that with your support and protection of our loving God and Lord Jesus Christ, we will accomplish our collective mission of keeping American Samoa safe from COVID.

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The COVID-19 Task Force mission to safeguard the Territory and residents was a monumental undertaking that would not have been possible without the support of countless individuals and organizations representing all levels of government, faith-based organizations, families, and the small business community in both the State of Hawaii and American Samoa. We wish to acknowledge their invaluable contributions and apologize for anyone that may have been unintentionally overlooked.

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3. Alafaga Media
4. All Stars
5. Aoelua Family Reading Program
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10. Bookworm
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14. Chinook, Inc.
15. Cly Productions
16. Coil Winding Spec.
17. Community Empowerment Organization
18. Cost U Less
19. Ddw Café
20. Dj Will
21. Emelio's Restaurant
22. Engel Coolers
23. Fatu O Aiga
24. Ghc Reid
25. Gias
26. H&N Enterprises Llc
27. Haskell New York
28. Hope Dialysis
29. Island Business Center
30. Island Cargo Support
31. Island Rentals
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59. Sunset Rentals & Towing
60. Sweeties Inc.
61. Tagata Tutu Fa'atasi Alliance Of American Samoa
62. Tasi Inc.
63. Tautai Car Rentals
64. Tofaga Malu
65. Tradewinds Hotel
67. Tresmal
68. Trophies & Things
69. Tutuila Green
70. Tutuila Printing
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 4. Alice Toleafoa and Fola Tanielu
 5. Alofagia, Melody and Jevan Kitiona
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 13. City and County of Honolulu
 14. Coca Cola Hawaii
 15. Congresswoman Aumua Amata
 16. Dennis and O. Genesis S. Tacatafa
 17. Department of Public Safety Division, Sheriff's Division Honolulu
 18. Diagnostics Laboratory Services
 19. Dr. Abraham Leiato
 20. Dr. Cecilia Alailima
 21. Flash Shuttle Services
 22. Foma'i Family of Leone
 23. Grace Mortuary Services, Papalii Tala Michael
 24. Hawaiian Airlines
 25. Hawaii Care Connection
 26. Island Pride Car Club
 27. Judge Fa'auuga To'oto'o
 28. Kalihi-Palama Health Center, Dr. Nafanua Braginski
 29. Kanana Fou Congregational Christian Church, Rev. Elder Falelua Lafitaga
 30. Le Fetuao Samoan Language Center, Elisapeta Tuupo-Alaimaleata
 31. Lefti Falelailii Pese and Faletua Lina, Police Commissioner
 32. Letuligasenoa Family
 33. Lighthouse Assembly of God
 34. Lions Club of Pago Pago
 35. Lorena Seu and Family
 36. LBJ Tropical Medical Center, CEO Taufetee Faumuina & staff
 37. Marston and Wilma Porter Family (SH3 Resource Development, LLC)
 38. Melesete Family
 39. Moeituasivi Filipo Ilaoa
 40. Mopar Family Car Club
 41. Ohana Hotel East
 42. Oh My Grill
 43. Office of the Mayor, Mayor Rick Blangiardi
 44. Olafou Laolagi and Family
 45. Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA), Executive Director, Ms. Emi Chutaro
 46. Penu Alaimaleata and Family
 47. Project Vision: Darrah Kauhane, Executive Director
 48. Queens Medical Center Mobile Vaccination Clinic: Mary Bedell, COVID Vaccination Clinical Director.
 49. Rev. Evile Feleti Family
 50. Rev. Kereti Faiai Family
 51. Rev. Tafale Fuiava Family
 52. Roberts Hawaii
 53. Samoa 2 Da Bone Car Club
 54. Semu Tauanu'u
 55. SoleTribe808 Car Club
 56. Suafasisina Harry Pulou and Family
 57. Shriners Hospital for Children (Family Center)
 58. Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
 59. Tagata Tutu Faatasi Alliance of American Samoa
 60. Tuiafono Vai Sua, Director Hawaii ASG Office
 61. University Center of Excellence for Developmental Disability ASCC, Ms. Tafaimamao Tupuola
 62. Uso Fealofani Car Club, President Faimafili Tua
 63. Uso Tu Ofe Fellowship, President Travis Asaeli
 64. US Renal Care
 65. VA Clinic, Mr. Schoen Safotu
 66. Waikiki Health Center
 67. White Sands Hotel Management and Staff
- *Community Volunteers:**
68. *Eileen Tyrell, President. Tagata Tutu Faatasi Alliance of American Samoa
 69. *Elisapeta Tuupo-Alaimaleata, CEO/Founder, Le Fetuao Samoan Language Center
 70. *Ella Gurr, CEO/President Pago Pago Trading Company (PPTC)
- *State of Hawaii – Department of Agriculture**
71. Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser, Chairperson of Board of Agriculture
 72. Dr. Issac Maeda, State Veterinarian
 73. State of Hawaii – Department of Defense, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency HIEMA

***State of Hawaii – Department of Health**

- 74. *Elizabeth Char, MD, Director of Hawaii Department of Health
- 75. *Edward Desmond PhD, Lead Administrator of Hawaii State Laboratories Division, Hawaii Department of Health
- 76. *Chantelle Matagi, Dr. Elia Titimaea & Ms. Faauliulito Tuala-Tamaalelagi, Contact Tracer Lead Investigator & Samoan Outreach Team
- 77. Sarah Kemble, PhD. State Epidemiologist, Hawaii Department of Health, Advisor
- 78. Edward Mersereau, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Administration
- 79. Dr. Richard Brostrom, Tuberculosis (TB) Control Branch
- 80. Dr. Richard Saiki, Branch Chief State Laboratories Division – Environmental Health Analytical Services Branch
- 81. Remedios B. Gose, MSPH, RM (NRCM), Manager, Laboratory Preparedness & Response Branch

***State of Hawaii – Office of Lt. Governor Josh Green**

- 82. *Lt. Governor Josh Green
- 83. *Ms. Felea'I Tau

84. State of Hawaii – Department of Parks and Recreation***State of Hawaii – Department of Transportation**

- 85. *Ford Fuchigami, Acting Airports Manager
- 86. *Kevin Fujii, Airport Operations
- 87. *Malcom Smith, Airport Operations

***University of Hawaii**

- 88. *Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Dr. Karl Kim & Dr. Priyam Das
- 89. *Hawaii Pacific Basin Area Health Education Center, Dr. Kelley Withy
- 90. *Office of Multiculturalism, Dr. Tina Tauasosi
- 91. *Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center (PBTRC), Dr. Christina Higa
- 92. *Pacific International Training Des
- 93. *National Disaster Preparedness Training Center (NDPTC), Dr. Karl Kim
- 94. *Telecommunications and Social Informatics Research Program/Asia American Initiative
- 95. * University of Hawaii Cancer Center, Dr. Neal Palafox

COVID-19 TASK FORCE

	First Name	Last Name	Title	Agency
1	Talauega Eleasalo	Ale	Lieutenant Governor (Chairman/GAR)	Office of the Governor
2	Fainuulelei	Alailima-Utu	Attorney General (Alternate GAR)	AS Department of Legal Affairs
3	Mauga Tasi	Asuega	Secretary	Office of Samoa Affairs
4	Samana Semo	Ve'ave'a	Director (TCO)	AS Department of Homeland Security
5	Solialealofiotagala Tasi	Mutini	Director	AS Departemnt of Agriculture
6	Talauega Samasoni	Asaeli	Director	AS Departemnt of Education
7	Faleosina	Voigt	Director	AS Departemnt of Public Works
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9	Dr. Cecilia	Alailima	Physician	AS Department of Health
10	Dr. Francine	Amoa	Physician	AS Department of Health
11	Vesi	Fautanu	Deputy Director	AS Department of Health
12	Dr. Saipale	Fuimaono	Physician	AS Department of Health
13	Elizabeth	Lauvao	Physician	AS Department of Health
14	Leiema	Hunt	Public Health Advisor	Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
15	Motusa Tuileama	Nua	Director	AS Department of Health
16	Dr. Aifili	Tufa	Epidemiologist	AS Department of Health
17	Faraitoafa	Utu	Deputy Director	AS Department of Health
18	Dr. Ronald	Yip	Physician	AS Department of Health
19	Marvis	Vaiagae	Deputy Director	AS Department of Homeland Security
20	Alex	Baker	TEMCO Manager	AS Department of Homeland Security
21	Muavaefa'atasi John	Suisala	Director	AS Department of Human and Social Services
22	Lynn	Pulou-Alaimalo	Director	AS Department of Human Resources
23	Taotasi Archie	Soliai	Director	AS Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources
24	Chris	King	Director	AS Department of Port Administration
25	Foifua	Foifua jr	Deputy Commissioner	AS Department of Public Safety
26	Malomo	Tausaga	Director	AS Department of Treasury
27	Petti	Matila	Director	AS Dept of Commerce
28	Blanche Lulu	Barber	Executive Director	AS Economic Development Authority
29	Lefega Faamao	Asalele	Director	AS Environemntal Protection Agency
30	Sandra	King Young	Director	AS Medicaid Ooffice
31	Minnie	Tuia	AS Visitors Bureau Executive Director	AS Visitors Bureau
32	Tuiafono Vaiuli	Sua	Director	ASG Hawaii Office
33	Ginger	Porter	At-Large	ASG Hawaii Operation (CDC Foundation)
34	Justin	Tuiasosopo	CEO	Bluesky Communications
35	Catherine	Saelua	Director	Budget Office
36	Luisa	Kuaea	At Large/Private Sector	Chamber of Commerce
37	Pulu	Ae	Chief of Staff	Congresswomans Office
38	Samuel	Meleisea	Representative	Fono - House
39	Andra	Samoa	Representative	Fono - House
40	Faiivae	Iuli Godinet	Senator	Fono - Senate
41	Tuiagamoia	Tavai	Senator	Fono - Senate
42	Olivia	Reid	At Large	GHC Reid
43	Tuimavave T.	Laupola	Chief of Staff	Governors Office
44	Jason	Mitchell	Legal Counsel	Governors Office
45	Reid	Patrick	Policy Advisor (Public Information Committee)	Governors Office
46	Tuli	Frucan	Manager	Hawaiian Airlines
47	Evelyn	Faaiuso	Pharmacist	LBJ Tropical Medical Center
48	Faumuina	Faumuina	CEO	LBJ Tropical Medical Center
49	Sharmain	Mageo	RN Infection Prevention Specialist	LBJ Tropical Medical Center
50	Dr Iotamo	Saleapaga	Chief Medical Officer	LBJ Tropical Medical Center
51	Dr. Seakerise	Tuato	Chief of Internal Medicine	LBJ Tropical Medical Center
52	Simamao	Tuato	Director of Nursing	LBJ Tropical Medical Center
53	Lisa	Tuato	Director	Office of Disaster and Petroleum Management
54	Salu	Tuigamala	Deputy Director	Office of Disaster and Petroleum Management
55	Ti'amalesunu Dr. Mikaele	Etuale	Chief Procurement Officer	Office of Procurement
56	Matautu Dr Peter	Tinitali	Director	Office of Protection and Advocacy of the Disabled
57	Mauga Tasi	Asuega	Secretary	Office of Samoa Affairs
58	La	Poasa	ASG Liasion (Public Information Committee)	StarKist
59	Evelyn Lili'o	Satele	Director	Territorial Administration on Aging
60	Faima	Lavatai	MSG	US Army Reserves
61	Hanna	Vaouli	Major (Public Information Committee)	US Army Reserves
62	Lydia	Faleafine-Nomura	AS Representative	US Department of Interior (Office of Insular Affairs)
63	Dr. Fred	Uhrle	Physician	US Dept of VA
64	Creighton	Chong	Lieutenant	United States Coast Guard
65	Vernatius Frank	Thomsen	Assistant Supervisor	United States Coast Guard

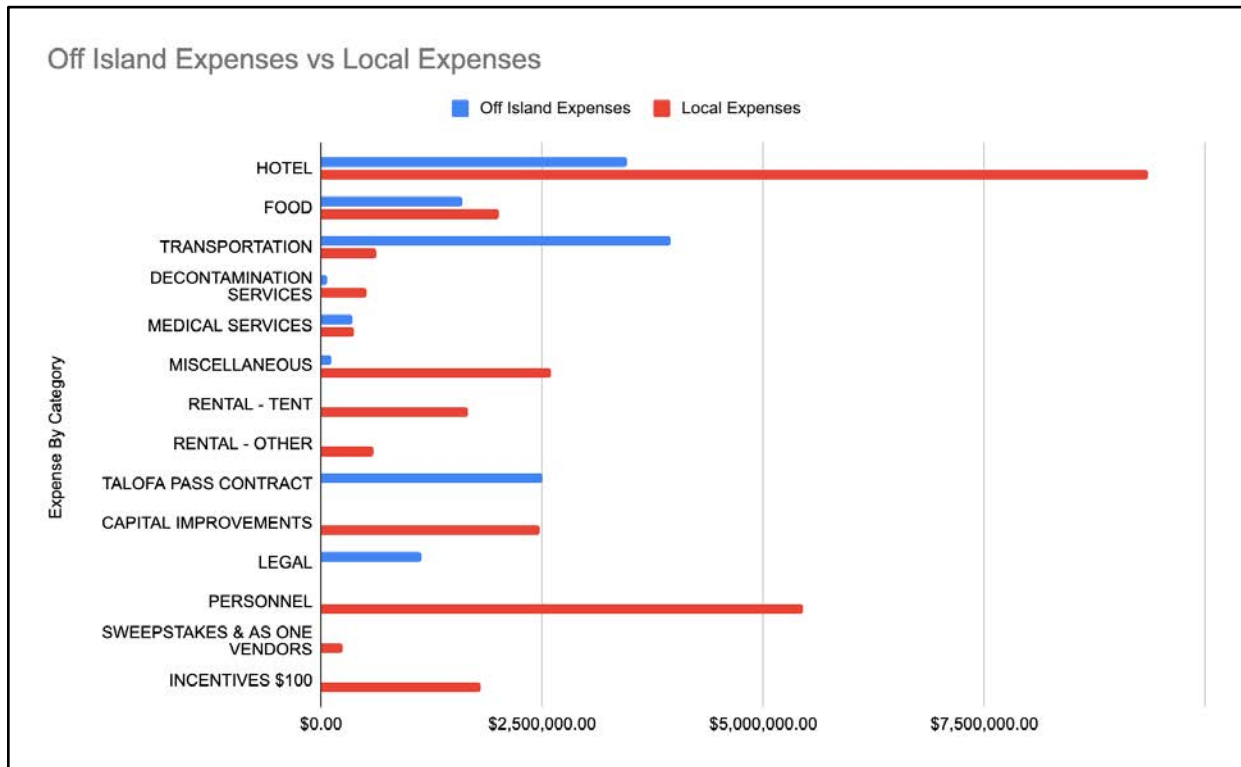
ASG EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Executive Branch: Cabinet Listing 2021			
Authorities		Name	Title
1	American Samoa Community College (ASCC)	Dr. Rosevonne M. Pato	President
2	American Samoa Medical Center Authority (ASMCA-LBJ)	Faumuina J. Faumuina Jr.	Chief Executive Officer
3	American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA)	Wallon Young	Chief Executive Officer
4	American Samoa Shipyard Authority (ASSA)	Carlos Sanchez	Chief Executive Officer
5	American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA)	Chuck Leota	Chief Executive Officer
6	American Samoa Visitors Bureau (ASVB)	Taimalelagi Minnie Tuia	Executive Director
7	American Samoa Development Authority (ASEDA)	Blanche Lulu Barber	Executive Director
8	Development Bank of American Samoa (DBAS)	Ruth Matagi-Faatili	President
9	Feleti Barstow Public Library (FBPL)	Emma Solaita Malele	Territorial Librarian
10	Territorial Bank of American Samoa (TBAS)	David A. Buehler	President
Departments/Offices/Agencies		Name	Title
1	Administrative Law Judge (ALJ)	Marie Alailima-Lafaele	Administrative Law Judge
2	Administrative Services (DAS)	Afalava E. Afalava	Director
3	Agriculture (DOA)	Solia I. Mutini	Director
4	American Samoa Council on Arts, Culture, & Humanities (ASCACH)	Fuata S. Tiumalu	Director
5	Commerce (DOC)	Petti Tagipo Matila	Director
6	Education (DOE)	Talauega Dr. Samasoni Asaeli	Director
7	Election Office (EO)	Dr. Lealofi Uiagalelei	Commissioner
8	Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA)	Lefega Faamao Asalele Jr.	Director
9	Homeland Security (AS-DHS)	Samana S. Veavea	Director
10	Human & Social Services (DHSS)	Muavaefaatasi J. Suisala	Director
11	Human Resources (DHR)	Lynn Pulou-Alaimalo	Director
12	Legal Affairs (DLA)	Fainu'ulelei F. Ala'ilima Utu	Attorney General
13	Marine & Wildlife Resources (DMWR)	Taotasi A. Soliai	Director
14	Parks & Recreation (DPR)	Kenneth S. Tupua	Director
15	Port Administration (DPA)	Christopher J. King	Director
16	Procurement (OP)	Ti'alemasunu Dr. Mikaele Etuale	Director
17	Program, Planning and Budget Office (OPB)	Catherine A. Saelua	Director
18	Property Management (OPM)	Poleen N. Asalele	Director
19	Protection & Advocacy for the Disabled (OPAD)	Matautu Dr. Peter Tinitali	Director
20	Public Defender (PD)	Michael White	Public Defender
21	Public Health (DOH)	Motusa T. Nua	Director
22	Public Information (OPI)	Aoelua S. Aoelua	Director
23	Public Safety (DPS)	PC Lefiti F. Pese	Commissioner
24	Public Works (DPW)	Faleosina Voigt	Director
25	Samoa Affairs - Local Government (OSA)	PC Mauga T. Asuega	Secretary of Samoan Affairs
26	Territorial Administration on Aging (TAOA)	Evelyn Lili'o Satele	Director
27	Treasury (DTR)	Malemo L. Tausaga	Treasurer
28	Youth & Women's Affairs (DYWA)	Dr. Salote Aoelua-Fanene	Director
GO Line Agencies		Name	Title
1	American Rescue Plan Oversight Office (ARPA)	Keith Gebauer	Executive Director
2	American Samoa Office-Hawaii	Tuiafono V. Sua	Director
3	Criminal Justice Planning Agency (CJPA)	Mariana Timu-Faiai	Director
4	Governor's Resilience Office	Ufagafa Ray Tulafono	Executive Director
5	Historic Preservation (ASHPO)	Tuimalo E. Pau'u Zodiactal	Director
6	Insurance Commission Office	Ben Te'o	Insurance Commissioner
7	Medicaid State Agency	Sandra King-Young	Director
8	Office of Disaster Assistance and Petroleum Management (ODAPM)	Lisa Tuato'o	Director
9	Sports Complex (SC)	Uta'ifeau Lefiu Bill Kalasa	Director
10	Territorial Audit Office (TAO)	Tofa Sualauvi Su'a	Acting Territorial Auditor
11	Territorial Energy Office (TEO)	Dr. Misipati A. Salanoa	Director
12	Veteran's Affairs Office (VA)	Paepaelele M. Jamias	Director
13	Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)	Poumele P. Poumele	Director
14	Workmen's Compensation Commission (WCC)	Sagatea Fioloali'i	Commissioner

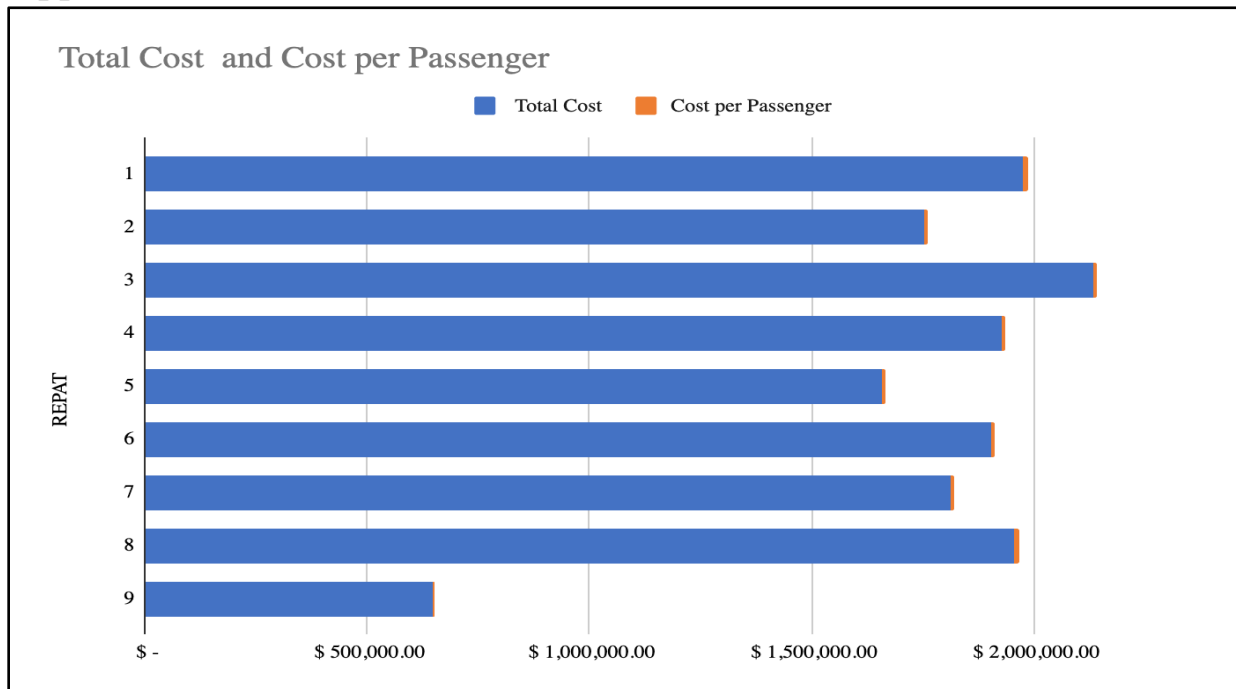
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H	Cost Breakdown Repat #6
I	Cost Breakdown Repat #7
J	Cost Breakdown Repat #8
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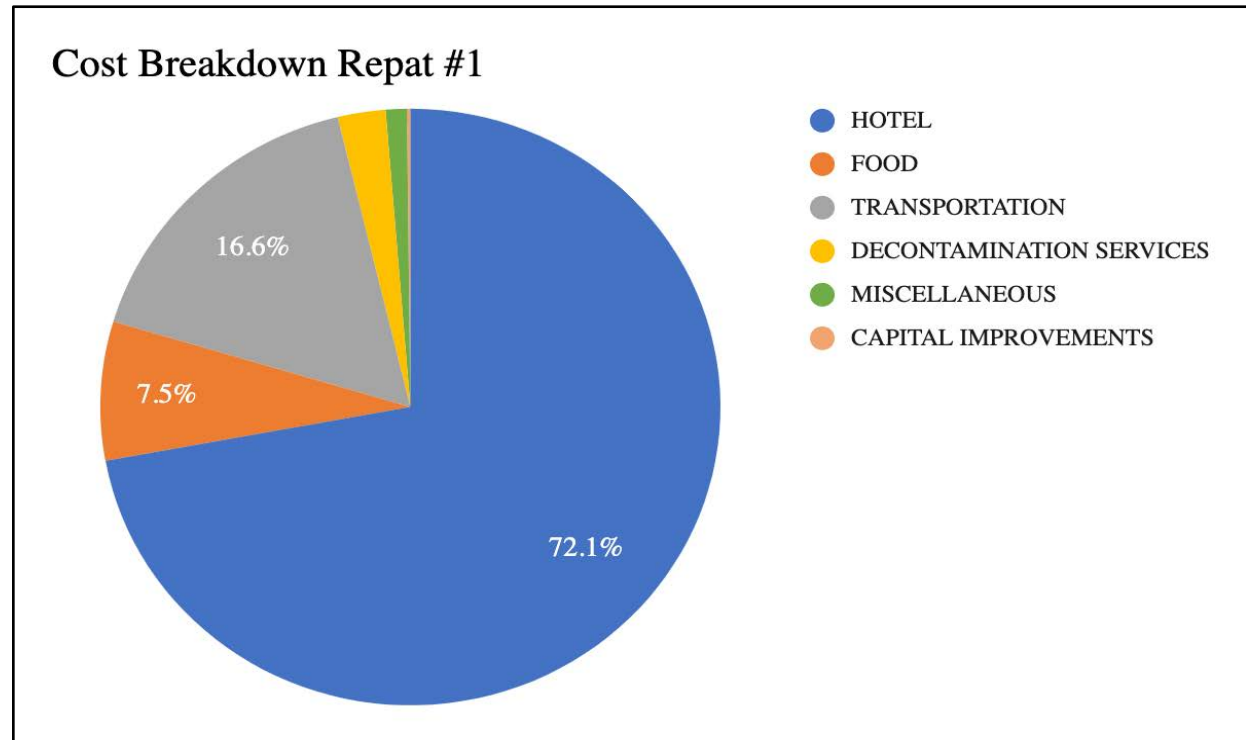
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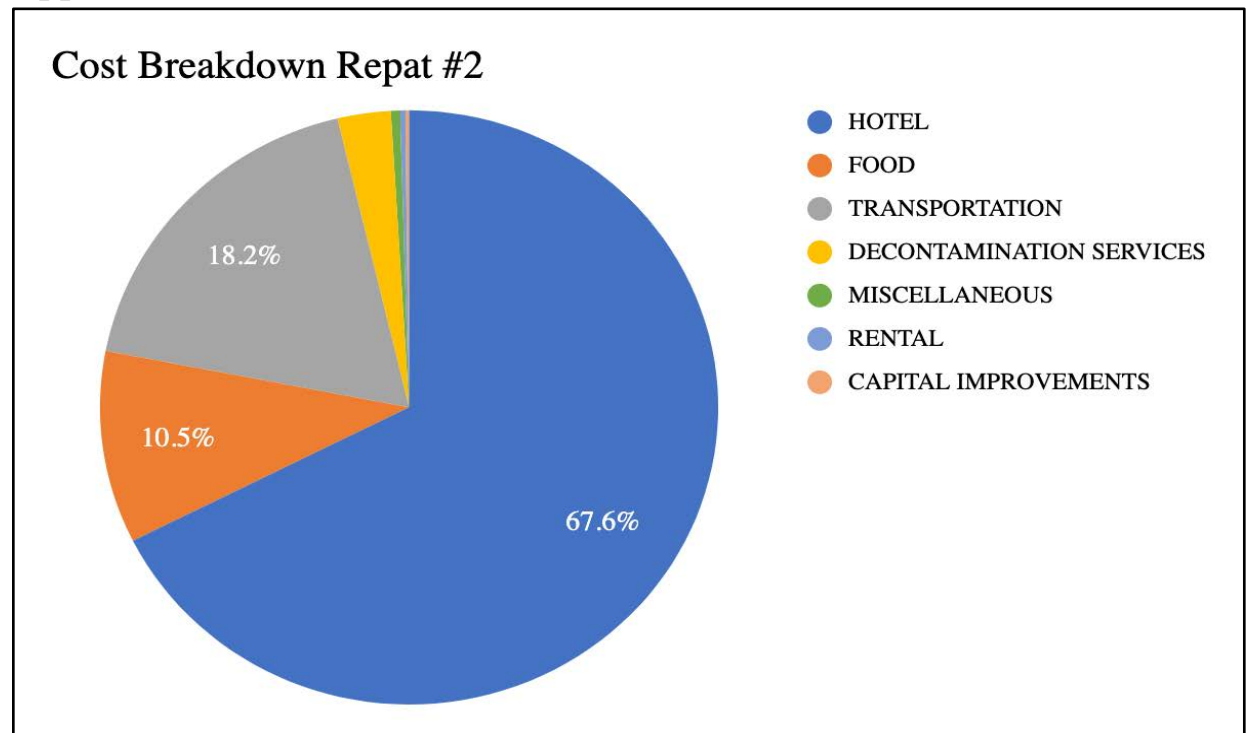
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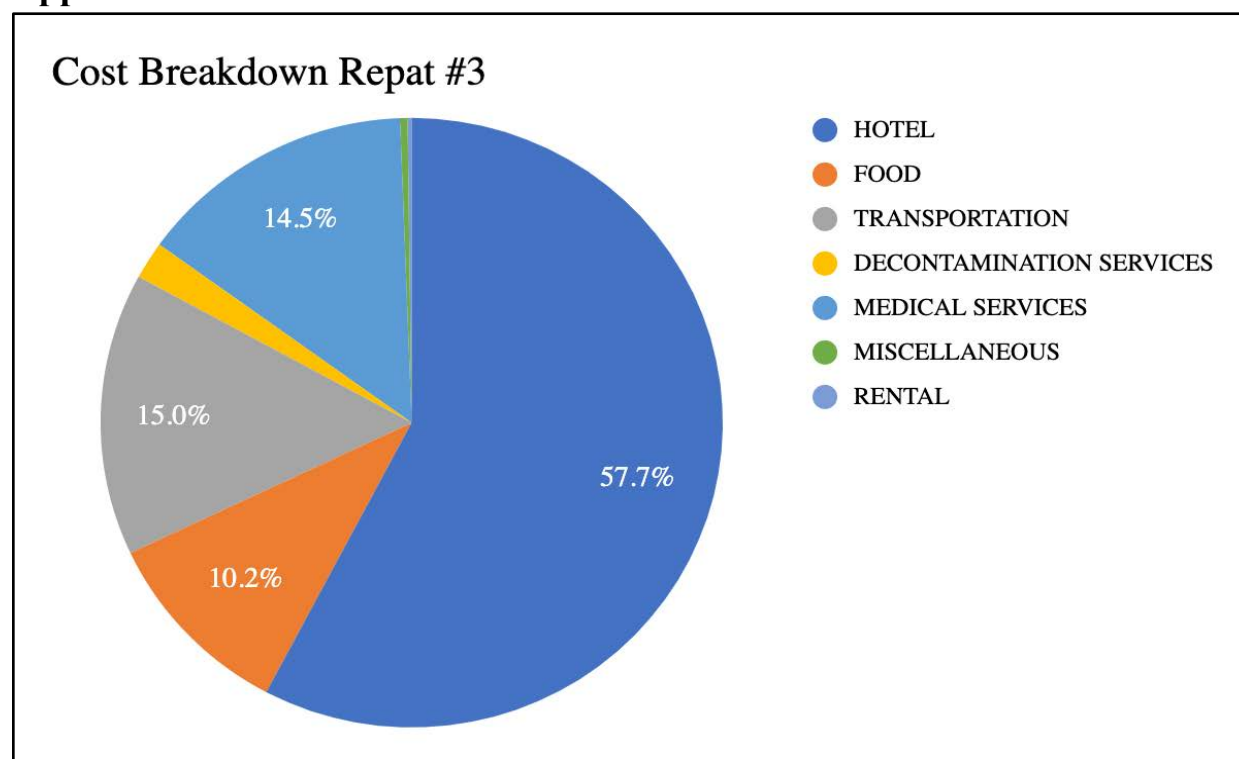
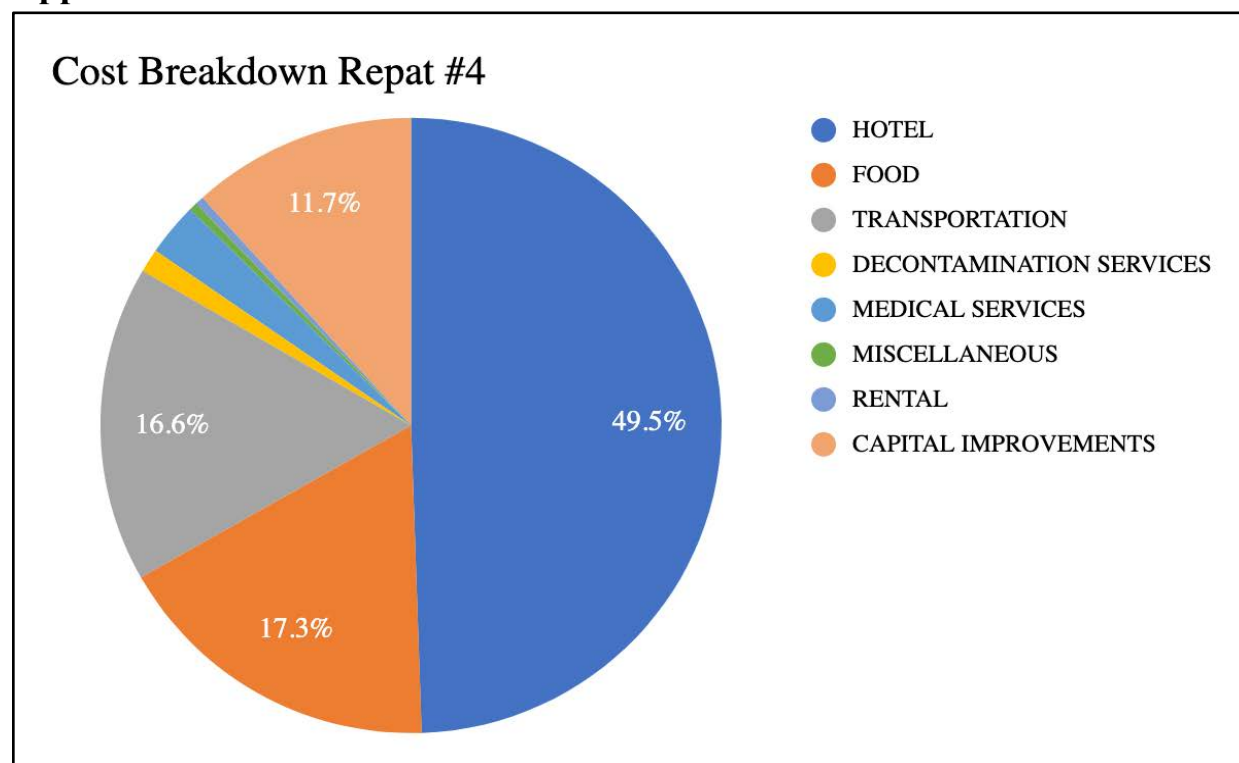


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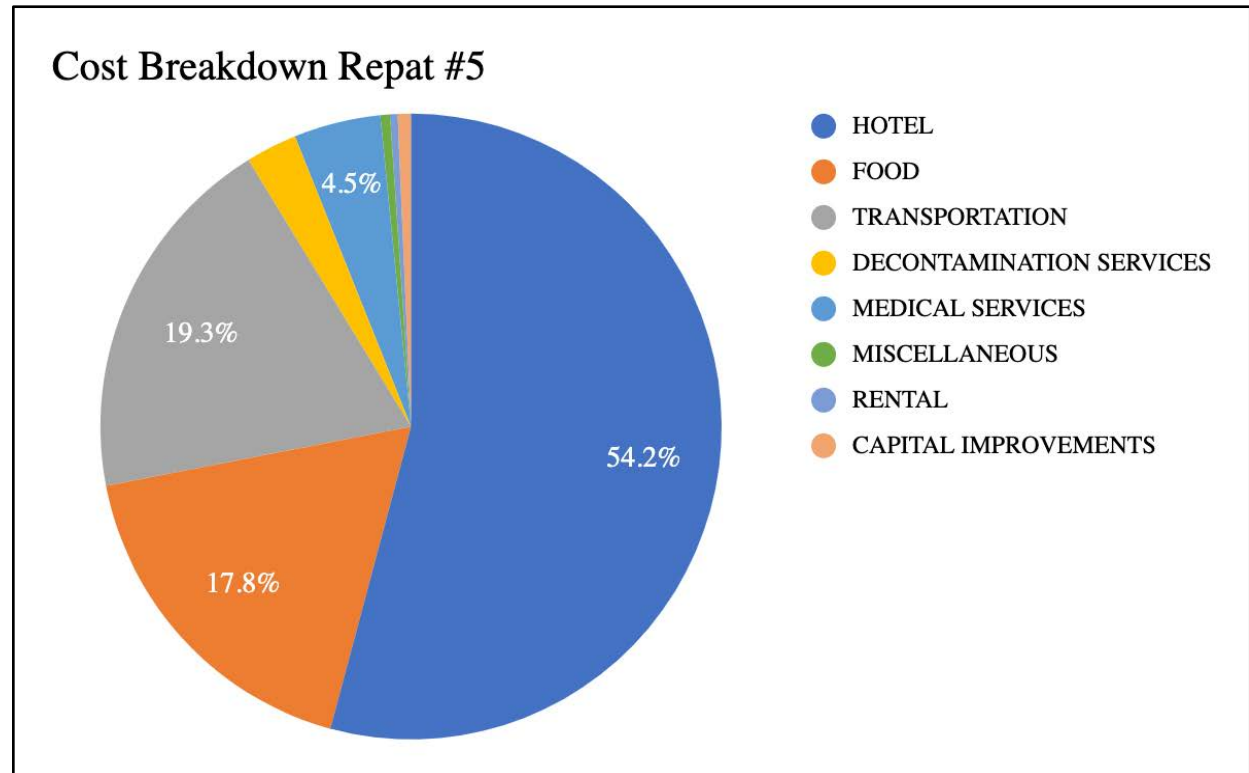


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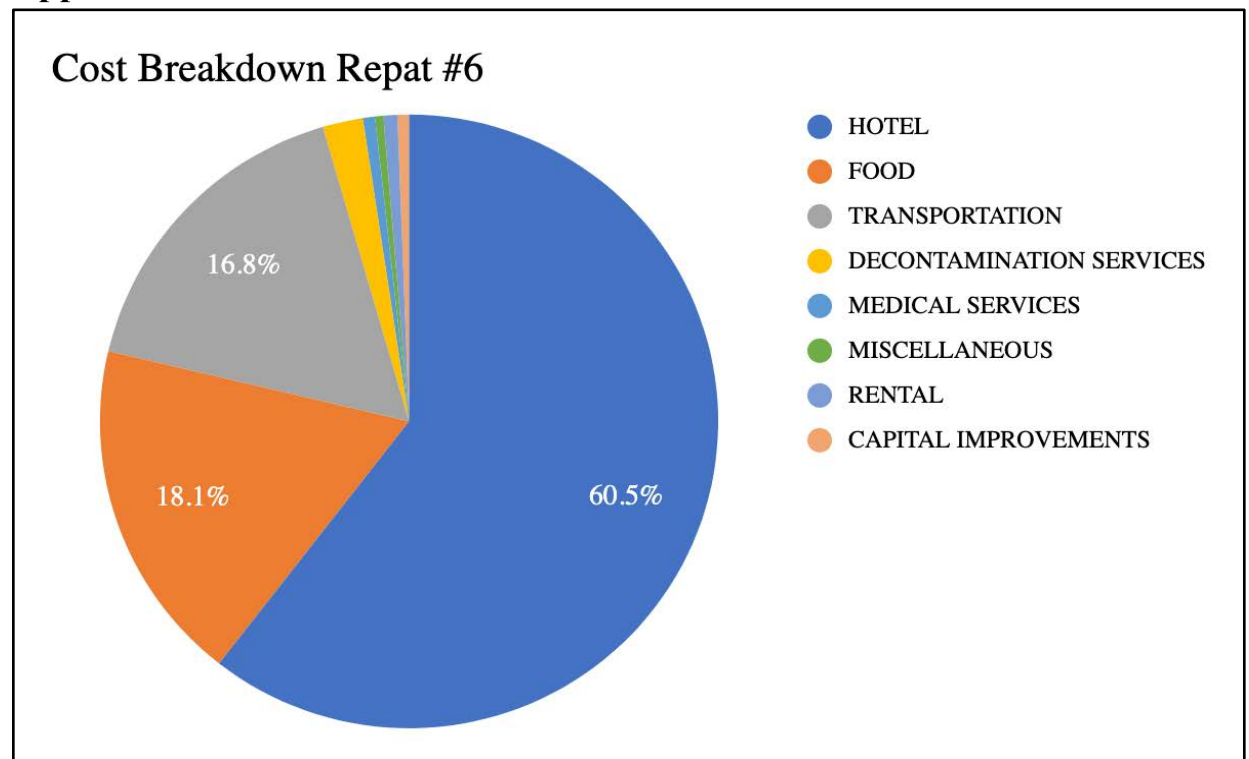


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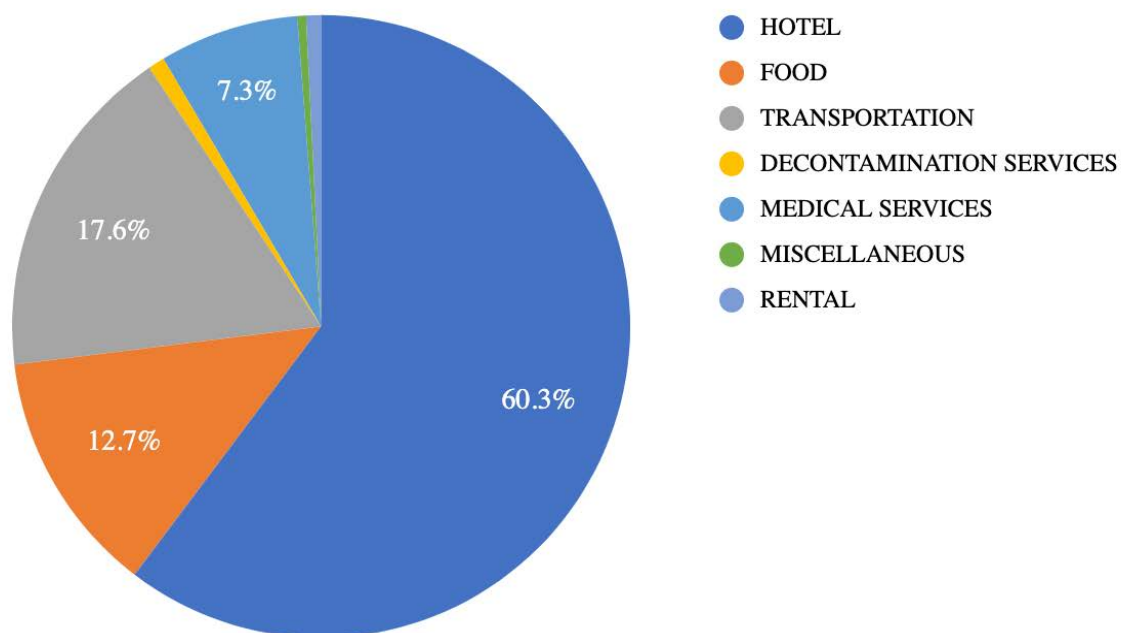


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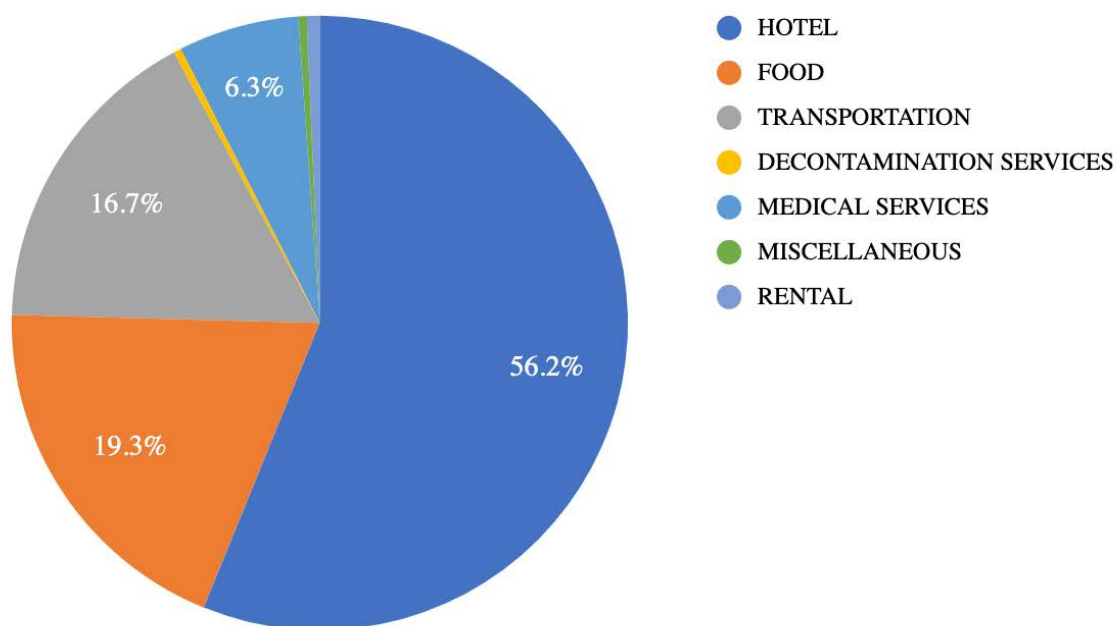
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Cost Breakdown Repat #7

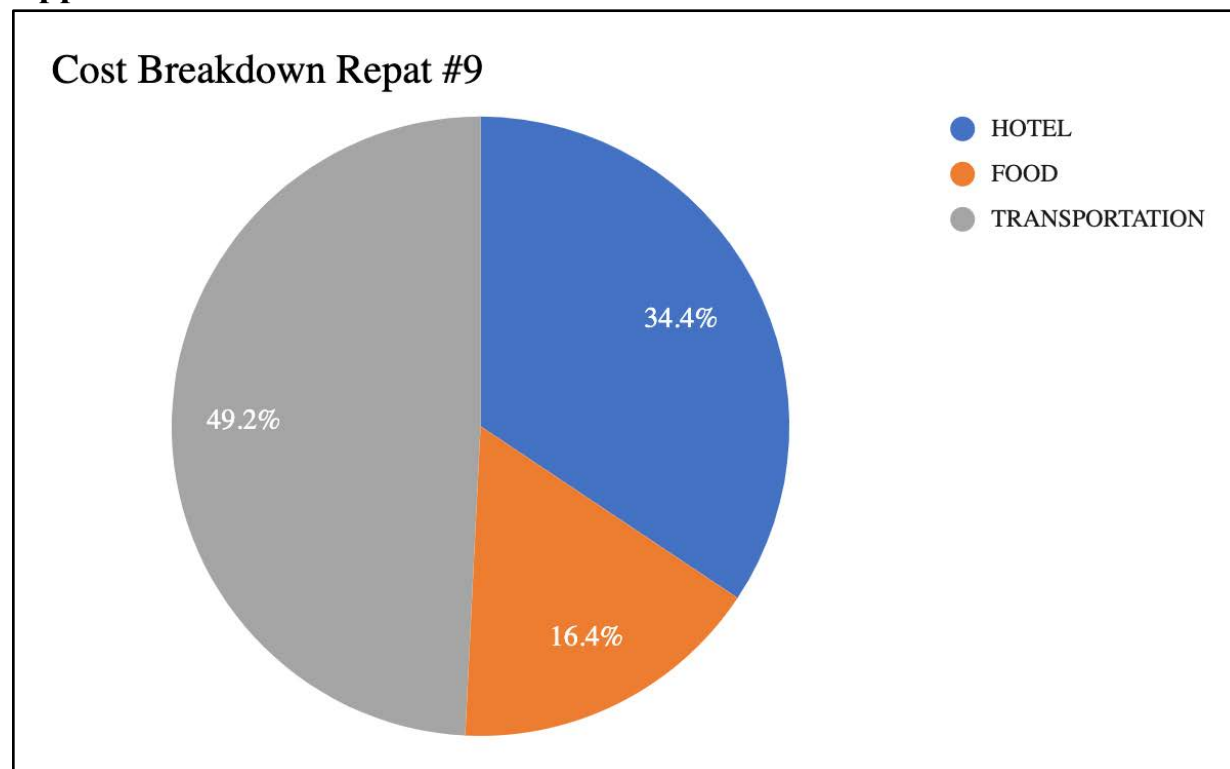


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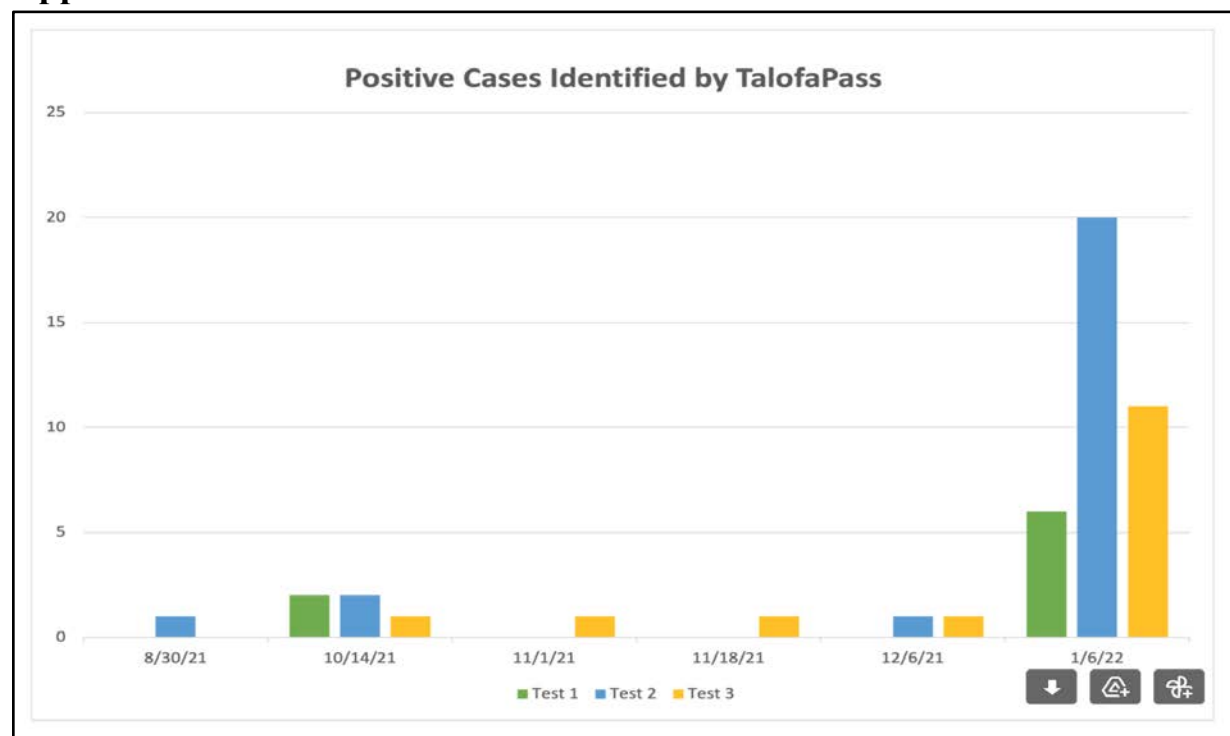
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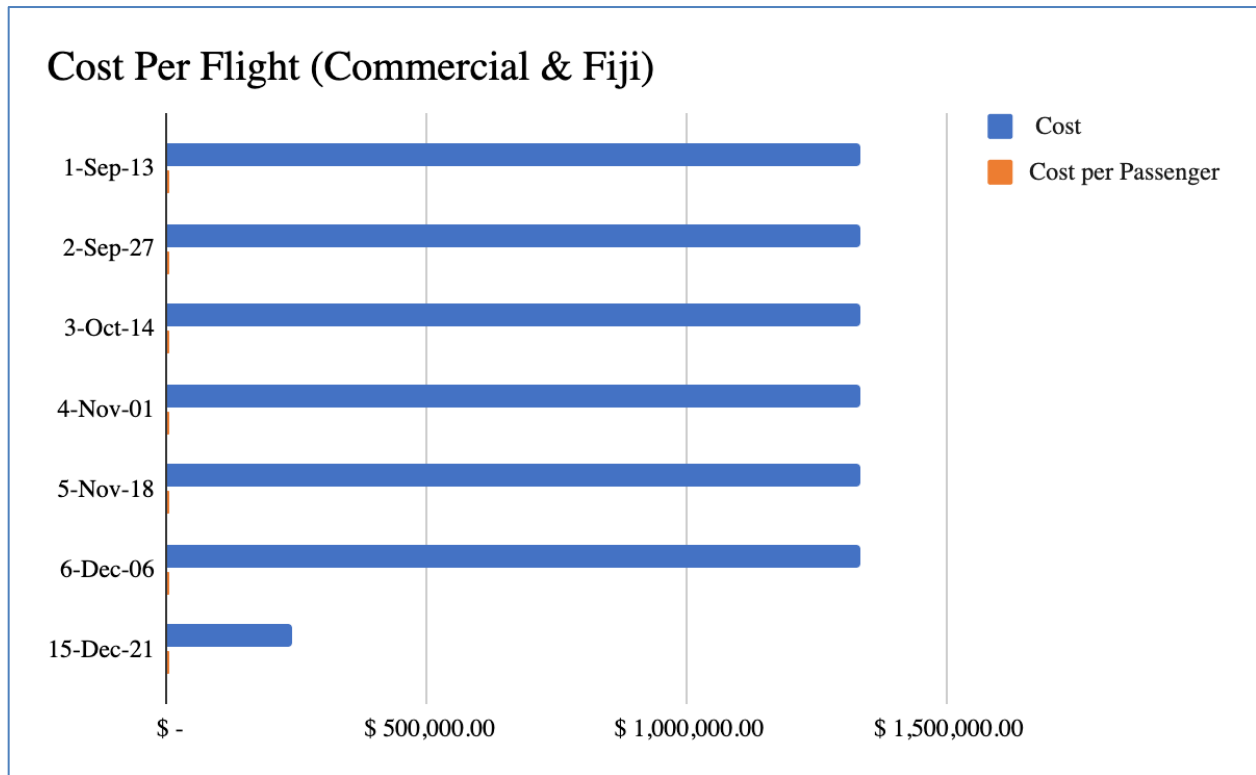
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No.	VENDOR	TOTAL AMOUNT
1	ACE Hardware	\$ 23,558.06
2	Alafaga Media	\$ 28,530.00
3	All Stars	\$ 54,682.00
4	Al's Audio	\$ 26,685.00
5	ASTCA	\$ 21,482.28
6	ASG Port Administration	\$ 3,600.00
7	Ave Designs	\$ 48,290.00
8	Aveina Brothers Inc	\$ 5,250.00
9	Bluesky Communications	\$ 9,000.00
10	Bookworm	\$ 36,766.32
11	CBT Warehouse	\$ 8,500.00
12	Cecilia's Rest.	\$ 28,800.00
13	Chinook, Inc.	\$ 16,579.00
14	Cly Productions	\$ 12,550.00
15	Coil Winding Spec.	\$ 264,745.00
16	Cost U Less	\$ 21,347.25
17	DDW Café	\$ 7,317.50
18	DJ Will	\$ 2,000.00
19	DOC (Vaccination Sites)	\$ 19,800.00
20	DYWA (Vaccination Sites)	\$ 133,925.00
21	Engel Coolers	\$ 25,973.40
22	Emelio's Restaurant	\$ 9,502.55
23	GHC Reid	\$ 8,232.00
24	Gias	\$ 6,946.30
25	Haskell New York – Medical supplies	\$ 124,009.73
26	H&N Enterprises LLC	\$ 1,200.00
27	Island Business Center	\$ 98,643.18
28	Island Cargo Support	\$ 3,939.49
29	Island Rentals	\$ 333,456.00
30	Island Safety & Sanitation	\$ 24,750.00
31	Island Star Express	\$ 171,800.00
32	Kppo 90.5 Radio Psa	\$ 197,510.00
33	K.S Motors	\$ 33,631.00
34	LBJ Tropical Medical Center	\$ 315.00

No.	VENDOR	TOTAL AMOUNT
35	Le Taurus Rentals	\$ 10,370.00
36	Lele Mai- Manu'a Boat Rental	\$ 300.00
37	Local Delights	\$ 6,939.00
38	Manu'a Store	\$ 109.82
39	Matrix Car Rental	\$ 73,980.00
40	Nickson Transportation – Bus	\$ 500.00
41	Paradise Pizza	\$ 17,279.20
42	Paramount Inc.	\$ 21,500.00
43	Pentagon Samoa Rental	\$ 21,160.00
44	Polymite Rentals	\$ 46,210.00
45	Pago Pago Trading Co.	\$ 29,008.50
46	Rock Solid Entert.	\$ 1,500.00
47	Samoa Airways	\$ 24,300.00
48	Samoa News	\$ 300.00
49	Samoa Marketing	\$ 32,185.00
50	Samoa Technology (FM 92)	\$ 34,471.00
51	Scotland's Rentals	\$ 105.00
52	Skyview Inc.	\$ 2,403.00
53	Smith Cargo Systems	\$ 2,148.60
54	Snow Services – Decontamination	\$ 21,701.50
55	South Seas Broadcasting (93 KHJ)	\$ 413,018.00
56	Sports Complex – Stadium	\$ 5,000.00
57	Sunset Rentals & Towing	\$ 42,000.00
58	Sweeties Inc.	\$ 1,200.00
59	Tasi Inc – vaccination promo (pamphlets, brochures)	\$ 80,150.00
60	Tautai Car Rentals	\$ 36,000.00
61	Tofaga Malu	\$ 1,190,051.00
62	Tresmal	\$ 12,590.00
63	Trophies & Things	\$ 77.00
64	Tutuila Green	\$ 5,070.20
65	Tutuila Printing	\$ 16,300.00
66	Tutuila Store #3	\$ 51,269.50
	TOTAL	\$ 4,012,512.38

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No.	VENDOR	TOTAL AMOUNT
1	A Catered Experience – Meals	\$130,593.21
2	AAA Disc Wheelchairs	\$1,500.00
3	Ace American Industries	\$32,244.44
4	Aiea Copy	\$595.76
5	Alamo Rentals	\$75.00
6	Altres Medical	\$45,174.65
7	Amazon.Com	\$546.41
8	Anvee Inc – Cleaning Services	\$57,730.83
9	Apece Construction	\$311,928.00
10	ASPA	\$89,622.94
11	ASTCA	\$250,104.81
12	Badboy Hawaii Inc	\$9,515.17
13	Barak Lurie & Kramer – Law Firm	\$18,574.63
14	Bio-X Hawaii LLC – Decontamination Hawaii	\$58,280.09
15	Bistro On The Go Inc – Meals	\$1,164,958.85
16	Bob’s Bar-B-Que – Meals	\$201.05
17	Bookworm Books	\$1,999.96
18	California Pizza Kitchen – Meals	\$127.66
19	Cecilia’s Catering – Meals	\$225,700.00
20	Clipper Oil – Fuel For Quarantine Team	\$1,753.00
21	Cost U Less	\$9,176.98
22	Costco	\$1,503.70
23	COVID TEST – Capture Diagnostics	\$179,781.00
24	Datahouse (TALOFAPASS)	\$2,500,000.00
25	DDW Café – Meals	\$118,222.50
26	Diocese Of Pago Pago – Fatu O Aiga – Quarantine Site	\$274,550.00
27	Div Contract Serv LLC – DOH Quarantine	\$1,005.24
28	Doordash – Meals	\$1,548.11
29	Ena Road Laundromat – Hawaii	\$33,322.89

No.	VENDOR	TOTAL AMOUNT
30	Endtime Hope Express – Transport	\$30,900.00
31	Enterprise – Car Rentals	\$10,603.95
32	Faagu Rental – Rental For Quarantine Team	\$3,380.00
33	Fetu Fou – Bus	\$3,600.00
34	Fiji Airways	\$62,000.00
35	Fisher Hawaii	\$2,565.00
36	Flash Shuttle Services – Wheelchair Transport	\$720.00
37	GBC Boxes Package	\$510.47
38	GHC Reid	\$17,110.00
39	Gias	\$1,000.00
40	H & H Inc.	\$50,400.00
41	Haleck Motors	\$54,800.00
42	Hawaiian Airlines	\$3,903,000.00
43	Home Depot	\$1,208.30
44	Hope Dialysis – Pago Pago	\$365,810.21
45	Island Business Center	\$22,038.48
46	Industrial Gases	\$1,240.00
47	Iosua Mutini	\$2,000.00
48	Island Flowers	\$353.50
49	Island Rentals	\$14,728.00
50	Island Safety & Sanitation	\$80,825.00
51	Island Star	\$11,400.00
52	Joseph V. Fuamatu	\$1,800.00
53	Kabani Kreations	\$ 2,220.85
54	Klaod Solutions	\$ 10,000.00
55	KS Mart – Meals, etc	\$40,027.85
56	L&L Hawaiian Bbq Inc – Meals	\$88,287.96
57	Le Roadside Fast Food – Meals	\$26,545.00
58	Lowe's Hardware	\$422.70

No.	VENDOR	TOTAL AMOUNT
59	Lupelele General Services Inc. - Bus Transport	\$8,950.00
60	Maleta Pulelasi (Reimb)	\$409.28
61	Maliu Mai Resort - Food Talofa/Samoa Airways Pilots	\$127,890.00
62	Manu'a Store	\$5,354.46
63	McConnell Dowell	\$1,400.00
64	Menehune Water Co.	\$15,861.21
65	Minks Coolair	\$22,110.00
66	Moana O Sina - Food/Meals	\$17,537.50
67	Mortuary Services, LLC	\$6,153.25
68	Nana's Inc.	\$430,000.00
69	Nighthawk - Meals	\$32,885.00
70	Office Depot	\$3,198.72
71	Ohana Waikiki East - Quarantine Site	\$2,838,706.28
72	Pacific Cooling	\$16,980.00
73	Papa John's Pizza - Meals	\$167.77
74	Paradise Pizza - Meals	\$42,475.00
75	Paramount Builders	\$200.00
76	Pentagon	\$11,700.00
77	Personnel Resources (Quarantine Team)	\$714,488.10
78	Pizza Hut - Meals	\$91.17
79	PJ Corporation	\$1,286,714.69
80	Rainbow Drive-In - Meals	\$689.13
81	Reimb.-Filipo Ilaoa	\$1,578.49
82	Reimb.-Jennifer Sua	\$354.70
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87	Reimb - Sally Faumuina	\$765.94
88	Reimb - Timusa Lam Yuen	\$813.75

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89	Roberts Hawaii Bus	\$3,960.00
90	Royal Star Hawaii	\$28,697.49
91	Sadies By The Sea	\$1,571,120.18
92	Safeway	\$114.15
93	Samoa Airways	\$270,185.00
94	Sam's Club	\$2,064.00
95	Sherwin-Williams	\$72.20
96	Skyview Inc.	\$86,327.50
97	Snow Services	\$298,183.14
98	Sunrise/Clipper - Fuel for Quarantine Teams	\$1,555.00
99	Taalili Toilolo - Bus	\$4,500.00
100	Talofa Airways	\$23,700.00
101	The CAB Hawaii	\$1,222.20
102	The Happy Bento - Meals	\$17,300.50
103	Tautua Mo Oe	\$996.55
104	Tofaga Malu - Rentals	\$95,295.00
105	Tool Shop	\$4,830.30
106	Tradewinds Hotel - Quarantine Site	\$8,908,643.85
107	Transpac	\$29,944.60
108	Tutuila Store	\$6,275.20
109	Uber Eats - Meals	\$1,520.62
110	US Renal Care - Hawaii (Dialysis)	\$127,500.00
111	Uti's Aiga Basket - Quarantine Meals	\$7,500.00
112	Verizon	\$977.98
113	Walmart	\$1,212.39
114	Web Iz (Website Developer)	\$66,450.00
115	White Sands Hotel - Quarantine Site	\$625,491.37
116	Womble Bond Dickinson - Law Firm	\$1,099,824.35
117	Xerox Corporation	\$2,577.35
118	Zippys - Meals	\$177,665.70
	TOTAL	\$29,384,021.37



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"The seven rays within the circle represent the seven islands and atolls of American Samoa (Ta'u, Ofu, Olosega, Tutuila, Aunu'u, Swains and Rose). The birds (gogo) represent freedom of flight and the people's wishes to continue to travel in a safe manner. The colors represent our traditional siapo dyes of the lega, loa, and lama representing our culture and heritage also being protected as a function of our safe travels protocols. The border depicting an outward pointing triangle mamanu fence represents our strategy to protect our territory as manifested in our safe travels policies and protocols. The safe travel policies and protocols represented by the border protect what is inside the circle — our people, our land, and our culture."

The Samoan proverb "*Ia seu le manu ae taga'i i le galu*" describes a tautai (fisherman) that proceeds with caution as he sets upon the reef to catch a seagull used for baiting. Much like the *tautai*, our leaders and community have been confronted with many uncertainties and unprecedented threats to the health and safety of our community. It is through faith in the Lord and collaboration with countless community partners that our leaders can approach these complex challenges with caution.